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Olympians Resisting the Patriot Act

Howard Rosenfeld

On Tuesday, August 19th, a newly formed coalition presented a draft resolution to the Olympia City Council in support of civil liberties and against the USA Patriot Act. City Council Member Curt Pavola acted as the point person for the City of Olympia and has been working with organizers from the coalition. All city council members present that evening spoke to the resolution, except for Doug Mah and Jeannette Hawkins (Hawkins was absent). There were 8-10 people who spoke, all in favor of the proposed resolution. Coalition member Bruce DeLoria (Thurston County ACLU) also met with Olympia Chief of Police to get his agency's input on the resolution. The Police Chief was receptive, and offered a few slight modifications to the resolution.

The council, while fairly supportive of the resolution at face, decided it needed to get some answers to the financial impact of the resolution on the city and Mayor Stan Biles stated that he'd also like to hear the opinion of those who support the Patriot Act. (He wants to hear from those who OPPOSE the U.S. Constitution?)

The Olympia Coalition to Protect the Constitution is made up of members of a broad swath of peace and justice, free speech, religious and civil liberty-support groups in Thurston County. So far, the coalition includes members of the Thurston County ACLU-WA, the Green Party of South Puget Sound, United for Peace of Thurston County, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation's Social Justice Committee, the League of Women's Voters , the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace, and the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition.

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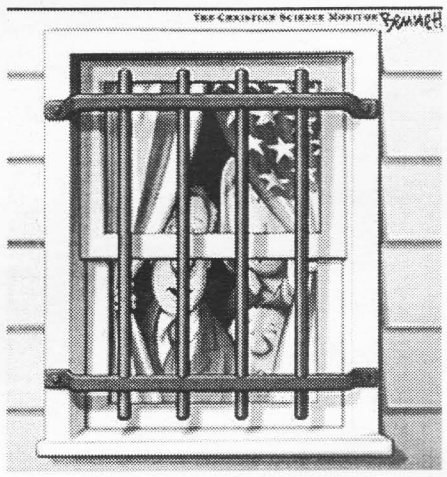
Spurred to action by the passage of and aggressive use of the new powers in the USA Patriot Act, this group aims to include Olympia on the list of 157 communities that have passed resolutions against the new set of laws, which include 3 state-wide resolutions (Vermont, Alaska, Hawaii).

With great haste and secrecy and in the name of the "war on terrorism," Congress passed legislation that gives the Executive Branch sweeping new powers that undermine the Bill of Rights and are unnecessary to keep us safe. A massive 342-pages in length, the USA PATRIOT Act was passed on October 26, 2001, with little debate by Members of Congress, most of whom did not even read the bill. The Administration then initiated a flurry of executive orders, regulations, and policies and practices that also threatened our rights.

The Thurston County ACLU-WA created an Anti-Patriot Act Sub-Committee in the spring of 2003 and converged with other concerned community organizations to form the Olympia Coalition to Protect the Constitution.



'I guess it was easier than putting the terrorists behind bars.'

When this issue of WIP went to press, coalition members and supporters were planning on attending the August 26th city council meeting and speaking to the resolution to shore up more support for its passage. The city is expected to take some time to answer some questions they have about the resolutions impact on the city and possibly take a vote on it sometime in September.

The coalition is asking people to write letters to the editor of local newspapers, and to the Mayor and City Council

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Updates on Cascadian Eco-Resistance!

Fay Franks and Sitchensis

This year has seen Cascadia's forest activist community come together as never before under the unified banner of "Cascadia Summer," with new levels of regional coordination and outreach. The result: an influx of people from around the country and a region better prepared for the massive war on forests being planned and orchestrated by the Unites States Government. Amongst the exciting news of the summer – besides the usual intensive direct action campaigns – are the new lengths (and heights!) Cascadia's eco-radicals have gone to work with what remains of legal protections, to challenge patriarchy, and to network outside the environmental community.

Survey Crew

Tree-climbers and groundtruthers from around Cascadia have been surveying for threatened species that the Forest Service ever-so-accidentally misses almost every single time it assesses a potential timber sale, conveniently making a much larger percentage of the last 2% of old growth left in Oregon available to private industry.

The Forest Service, for the time being, is required by law to protect Red Tree Voles (RTVs) under the Northwest Forest Plan. The forestry service satisfies these legal obligations by surveying for canopy bound rodents *on the ground* and surveying for salamanders *in the dead of winter*. Meanwhile, Cascadia's eco-defenders have been finding alarming numbers of endangered and otherwise threatened/protected species where the forest service claims their searches found none. RTVs, threatened lichens, and Spoited Owls are just a few of the species found in areas slate to be cut - areas they could be cutting as you read.

The Cascadia Forest Defenders and NEST, the Northwest Ecological Survey Team, experienced a small victory July 8 when the Forest Service removed 24 acres from Unit 2 of the Straw Devil timber sale in the Willamette National Forest near Eugene, Oregon. Due to the high density of active red tree vole nests (32) found by the survey team's efforts, the Forest Service, due to political and public pressure confirmed their findings and provided buffers reducing the unit to six acres.

Direct action in the forest

New tree-sits popped up at the beginning of the summer, courtesy of the Klamath-Salmon Action Network, in the Glassups timber sale in the Klamath National Forest near the Oregon-California border, along one of the very last stands of native, old-growth forest along the Salmon River (one of only two undamned rivers in California). This provoked a brutal police response and a number of arrests, and the tree-sits were taken down by forest service climbers. A day later, hundreds of miles north in the Mt. Hood National Forest, the Cascadia Forest Alliance erected a new sit at the Solo timber sale. Due to an injunction, activists working in the Solo timber sale are safe from active logging until October 1, 2003.

A press release was sent out in March to announce the tree-sit and occupation of Straw Devil, following the death of Sparrow, who participated in finding the above mentioned nests. Some of Sparrow's ashes were placed in Units 1 and 2. The press release included this quote: "'Sparrow will always be a part of the forest and will forever be inside each of us, affecting our thoughts and actions. Any attempts to log this forest will be akin to a declaration of war and is an audacious attempt to desecrate the sacredness of this forest,' stated Karla Wiley, a forest advocate and friend of Sparrow."

On July 24, 2003 Basco Logging of Sutherlin, Oregon, under contract with

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Co-op Scanner Update

For those who read last month's opinion pieces about the Food Co-op's purchase of price scanners, WIP would like to inform you that the Co-op will be addressing this issue in the fall edition of the Co-op News. So watch for the Co-op News in order to read more information and opinions from a variety of perspectives on the decision to bring scanners to the Co-op.

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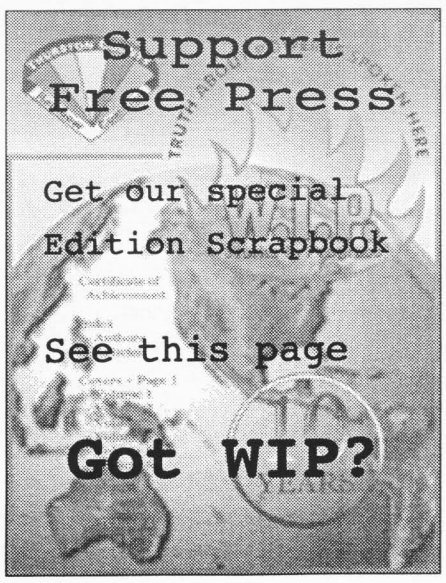

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American Disconnect

al-Qaida behind every plot and a Big Pickup in every garage

- Big pickups are the number one selling vehicle in the United States and account for about one in every eight vehicles sold. Big pickups sales out paced full-size S.U.V.s by more than two to one in 2002.
- They are also the most dangerous vehicle on the road that can hit one's car. Besides their greater height, unloaded big pickups weigh from 4,700 lbs to more than three tons, that's in the Hummer range.

Sources: *NY Times, ABC News, Business Fleet*

- A hazard to the environment, they use more gasoline than the average S.U.V. producing more gases that contribute to global warming, a third more than cars. The largest, most powerful pickups consume a gallon every ten miles.
- Originally work vehicles, pickup trucks have become status symbols "getting bigger, roomier, more powerful and showier in every way." Companies have also begun to focus on the "female" market.
- This fall G.M. will start selling a luxury pickup with a convertible top, the Chevrolet SSR, starting above $40,000.
- While big pickups are safer to drive than small pickups, when used as family vehicles they are less safe than minivans and station wagons.

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14 1906: OH: 2 African-americans burn before crowd of 3,000 2002: Bush tells United Nations "show some backbone"	**15** 1923: OK governor declares Martial law due to Klan activities. 1959: Fidel Castro arrives to begin 11-day goodwill tour of US	**16** 2002: Rumsfeld reveals he ordered a month ago bombing of Iraqi command/communication links instead of gun /radar sites	**17** 2001: Ashcroft asks for expanded FBI wiretapping authority 2002: WA State predicts a $299 million drop in revenue	**18** 2002: Superior Court Judge Hicks upholds Lacey's refusal to grant Wal-Mart permission to build store on Yelm Highway	**19** 2002: WA Supreme Court: taking pictures up skirts in public OK 2002: Thurston Co. opens treatment clinic for Opiate addicted	**20** 1947: Fred Allen is cut off the air during a radio program because of a joke he made about a mythical network vice president
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Percy Bysshe Shelley wrote that, in the rapacity that the industrial revolution created, people first surrendered their minds or the capacity to reason, then their hearts or the capacity to empathize, until all that was left of the original human equipment was the senses or their selfish demands for gratification. *Luciana Bohne*

Super Mayor Sarah

Nate Hogen

Sarah Jewett is not your average politician; in fact, she says that she isn't one at all.

"I'm not a career politician," said Sarah, when I met with her recently on the boardwalk by Budd Bay Marina. "I am a single working parent, a public-health educator, an artist and community member running for mayor." Sarah will be on the primary ballot for Mayor of Olympia on September 16 to compete for a slot on the November 4 general-election ballot.

"I've lived in and around beautiful Olympia for ten years, and, frankly, though I love it here, I am also concerned about what's happening to the fabric of our society locally, as well as globally," Sarah said. She said that she wants to bring the big issues in at the local level, by offering a voice for peace, a voice for health and by expanding public participation, especially in the early stages of big projects.

She talked a lot about local self-reliance and public health. She spoke with an impassioned voice about the connections between health and sustainability, about Olympia's future role as a model green city.

"Already, our buses are using biodiesel, and Olympia Green Fuels is refining their biodiesel processors all the time," she said. "We're far from being where we can be, but there are many people who understand the necessity of creating a system that is more locally based, so that we create what we need here, in Olympia, instead of taking from other places."

When asked what a diverse economy would look like and how we will achieve that in a slumping national economy when she is elected mayor, she surprised me. I expected her to talk first about money, but she spoke about the economic system as a natural system:

"When I think about economy, I think about biology and ecology. I think about the natural environment. How does nature coexist with itself? What is the balance within nature? As in the rest of nature, for us to coexist in a healthy economic community, we have to have a diverse base of participants.

"We could compare the different businesses within a city system to the different species within an ecosystem, and we can see that diversity is health. Also, like a healthy ecosystem, our resources must go back into our immediate economy, our immediate community, to conserve and recycle them. We can't keep spending on contractors from out of state and giving jobs to people that are not already living here, taking employment away from locals who desperately need the work.

"I would like to see investments being made in infrastructure that supports small businesses and entrepreneurs. I have a great respect for organizations like TULIP [Thurston Union of Low-Income People]. They're building a credit union for low-income folks who need to have money to get started in business. There are a lot of creative resources in this community that can be utilized to create more of a diverse, and therefore, healthy local economy.

Sarah is full of ideas. The idea of being an example for other cities, of Olympia being a model green city, looms large in her vision. She wants to work with jurisdictions in the whole county in transforming the now-abandoned brewery into a cultural and convention center, full of micro-brewery restaurants, theaters, boutiques, affordable housing, a bowling alley, aquatic center and plenty of community space, with gardens near the golf course and river. She also mentioned a monument to our artesian water.

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"If we work and play where we live, our community becomes a healthier and safer place, as other communities have shown," she said. "The Brewery Center could connect up all of the local cities with a trolley system or some other creative transportation system that keeps us all connected. There is an existing working group that has been bringing the public together in forums to speak about purchasing the brewery and creating this long-term city center for all of the citizens of the county, and it just makes a lot of sense for the future."

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She also said that she relishes the opportunity to help citizens to find solutions to their own problems.

"As Mayor, it will be my responsibility to be the spokesperson for the city," she said. "How can we, as a community, take leadership in using the most creative solutions possible? If we truly want to live in harmony with one another and not in conflict, then we must share our ideas, of course, with a lot of tolerance and mutual respect."

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Sarah realizes the importance of a living wage and a strong local economic base.

"We would benefit, in the long run, by encouraging eco-tourism to create jobs as well as to attract visitors that will support our vision of living in a *healthy* community. For example, on West Bay Drive, I think the city has an opportunity to encourage the land along the water be developed to meet local needs and attract visitors," she said, gesturing across the bay.

Many in the community want a public vote before millions of public dollars are spent on the proposed Convention Center. Sarah agrees.

"The Convention Center as is now proposed should be voted on, or at least a door-to-door survey should be conducted by the city," she stated. "We need some choices. I think that our money could be better spent. One idea is to help purchase the brewery and then work on a long-term plan with other jurisdictions as to what it will become. City revenues are low these days, so we must be conservative with spending and take extra care and time, if needed, to make a long-term commitment on how our city grows."

Sarah feels that our small city can face the big issues. For instance, I asked her how our community can maintain health and sanity in times of war.

"Living in a city that is designed for peace would be a good idea to explore. Knowing what we know now about resource extraction and sustainability it seems natural to explore the models of appropriate technology. We, in this community, have creative knowledge.

"Of course, we will also turn towards our families, our friends and our community groups and our churches. We can approach the bigger issues and brainstorm about what we can do as a city. Whatever we do, I believe that we must work for the greater good of humanity. We must express that we want to see resolution to conflicts and must recognize that our tax dollars can go towards perpetuating war or towards bringing peace. The point, bluntly, is that we shouldn't be funding the killing of people to solve any problem.

"Sustainability is peace. Using local resources and renewable energy, such as windmills, hydrogen, biodiesel, and solar power, is key to a lasting peace."

Sarah works for the county on water-education issues and understands the importance of this vital resource.

"Water is one of the sacred elements that everyone needs; it must be protected. Even our drinking water has chlorine in it, and that's taken for granted. It's rare to find clean water, but here in Olympia we have Artesian wells, and spaces could be provided to celebrate and protect this unique treasure we have." She smiled and continued, "That brings in the brewery again. It's a right for all human beings to have water. It's part of the public commons to have clean water."

"I have been a natural history teacher, and studied plants and agriculture, gardening," she said. "Being a mother has taught me how important life is and that we need to slow down, be patient, enjoy life, and not let it slip away. I also feel strongly that I want to protect life, and that's made me very busy especially right now. She spends every day organizing her campaign helpers, talking to citizens and studying up on the intricacies of the city budget, as well as keeping her job and mothering duties going.

"I'm constantly studying and looking for creative solutions. I know they exist; that's another reason why I want be mayor," she said. "We just need leadership and to be a strong, but compassionate, voice of reason. I'm sure that the residents want our city to be a more livable city for all. We can do it. Let's think big. Let's go for it. What have we to lose?"

She didn't sound like any other politician I know. As we sat on the dock watching the sunset, I couldn't help but agree with her. Sarah may not be a practiced politician, but she is a teacher, and her sheer courage and ideas alone make her a contender for mayor. If that isn't enough, her smile, spark, and charm could make glaciers melt.

For more information:

To learn more about Sarah Jewett for Mayor or to help out, go to:
www.sarahformayor.org
For more information about the Tumwater Brewery working group:
www.asje.org/brew.html

Olympia City Council Moves Forward on Clean Clothes Proposal

Peter Francis Tassoni

The City Council has been asked by the South Sound Clean Clothes Coalition to consider a policy that would require City Departments to purchase Clean Clothes whenever possible. Clean clothes are articles of clothing that are produced free of "sweatshop labor," or what would be considered as a substandard way to make a living or quality of life. Articles may be produced in an unhealthy environment with little or no concern for the employee producing the work. The current purchasing practices indicate City Departments are approximately 50% compliant.

Government is more than a business. Government can't be managed to generate private wealth like a business and must operate under the strictest moral and ethical standards. Good enough for government work has been and continues to be the highest work standard obtainable since the Truman years. Purchasing Clean Clothes supports those very values we want for our community: decent jobs with good benefits and a safe work environment. Purchasing Clean Clothes will not bring back brewery jobs but may slow the erosion of manufacturing jobs locally, regionally and nationally.

City of Olympia staff, City Manager Steve Hall and council members Mayor Stan Biles, Laura Ware, and Curt Pavola discussed the merits of establishing a central purchasing department for all departments. Nine city departments currently purchase clothing items with Fire, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works being the largest purchasers. A central department could be current on Clean Clothes practices, savings could be earned by bulk purchases, and individual staff would be relieved of purchasing their clothing, which is an "add-on" to their existing tasks. City of Olympia estimated the costs of implementation but used a nefarious average price per item based on a survey from various manufacturers.

"Council members...discussed the merits of establishing a central clothes purchasing department for all city departments."

Problems with using average prices are highlighted by the following T-shirt example;

The City of Olympia projects an increase of $21,855 annually because a $10 T-shirt increases to $25 from a clean clothes manufacturer. South Sound Clean Clothes Coalition spokesperson Dick Meyer pointed out bulk purchases of Clean Clothes would be at the lowest cost available, not at the average price. Mr. Meyer is placing a bulk order with the women's coop in Nicaragua that makes T-shirts plus shipping for a little less than $5.00 a T-shirt. Additionally, the Administrative Services Department estimates cost to insure compliance, assist with research and follow through would be $6,000 start up and $5,000 annually.

South Sound Clean Clothes Coalition presented its estimates of the proposal during the August Budget Committee meeting. Consequently, central purchasing and Clean Clothes pricing will be further researched and presented in context of the budget process by November. However, there is a perceived urgency to outsource production to the lowest cost and least regulated work forces to pinch a few pennies. This is ridiculous. The moral position is to find ways to support those workplaces that treat their workers with respect and fairness, not to abandon them. We can act now locally to slow the trends of globalization, NAFTA and WTO hegemony. You can help. South Sound Clean Clothes Coalition is probably meeting Wednesday September 10th but a date and time had not been finalized at press time. Contact Dick Meyer @ Traditions Café or the city council members listed above for more information.

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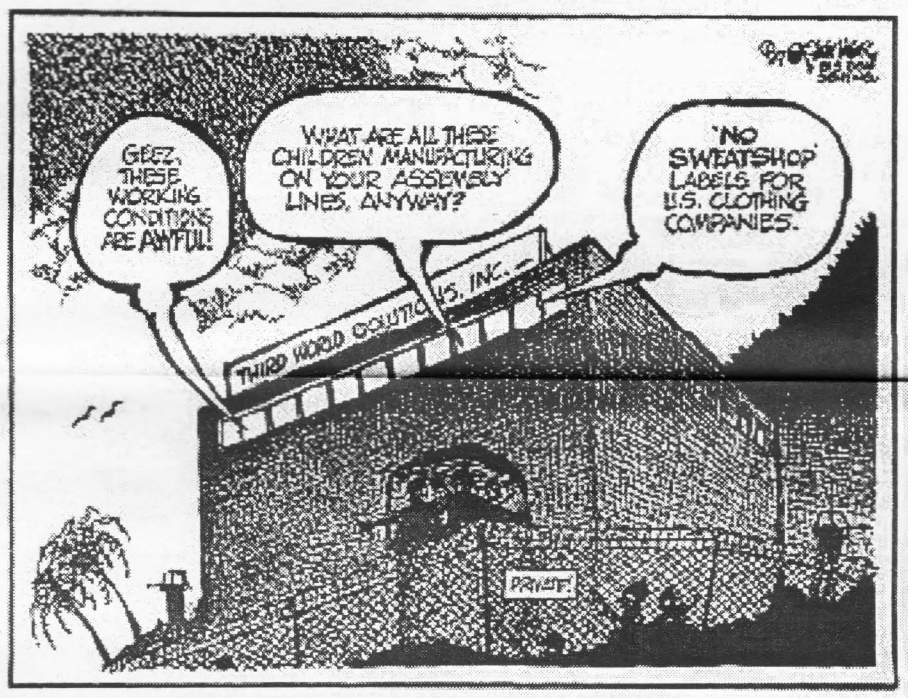
Option 1: Establish an Ordinance requiring all clothing purchased by the City to be Clean Clothes compliant. Establish an audit process and reporting plan to the City Manager Annually on compliance per Department.

Option 2: Establish a Resolution that provides rigid guidance to City Departments to phase in the purchase of clean clothes in an effort to gain 100% compliance. Report to the City Manager by Department the success gained towards 100%.

Option 3: Establish a Resolution that provides general guidance to City Departments to purchase clean clothes whenever possible in effort of seeking goal attainment of 100% compliance. Report to the City Manager by Department the success gained towards compliance.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Pedestrian Alleged By Oly P.d. To Have Caused Accident With Puget Sound Energy Van Victim Suspects Racism And Profiling, Demands Apologies

Greg Hohnholt

A Native American (Tlingit) resident of Olympia, Rich Paddock, was hit by a van operated by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) on Wednesday, August 13 at about 12:30 p.m. at 4th and Central Avenues. Paddock reported that he was crossing at an authorized crosswalk in broad daylight on his bike when the PSE van struck him. Despite these facts, Paddock is being treated as if his choice of clothing for the day was the indirect cause of the accident, and that the driver of the van was blameless.

Before the police and emergency medical team arrived on the scene, Paddock asked the driver of the van if he was in a hurry. He responded "Yes, but that's no excuse." His remorseful demeanor changed, however, when the OPD arrived.

Paddock reported that when an Olympia policeman arrived to make out a report, a fireman was pouring alcohol on his bleeding right hand. He first asked Paddock for his license in a brusque manner and then told him, after a quick assessment of the situation, "Well, you were wearing a black shirt."

Paddock told* Works in Progress *that as a dark skinned Native American he has repeatedly been stopped by police both inside and outside Olympia for spurious reasons.

Officer Curtright did not cite the PSE driver and then told Paddock "I won't cite you," again inferring that Paddock was somehow at fault. In his police report, where injuries are to be reported, the officer took the time to write "None" for the driver, and left Paddock's space blank.

The accident was also witnessed by an attorney who found Officer Curtwright's report of the incident "very misleading." She stopped at the scene to give Paddock her business card since she believed that as a pedestrian, Paddock's right of way had been violated by the PSE driver. The Washington Driver Guide states explicitly that "Drivers must stop for bicyclists crossing in a painted or unpainted crosswalk when the bicyclist is within one lane of their half of the roadway (page 73)." In addition to Officer Curtright's novel interpretation of traffic law, he also ignored Paddock's injuries. His report stated that Paddock had not sustained any physical damage; however, after a visit to his doctor, Paddock is in need of an MRI to check for damage to his lateral meniscus.

Paddock told *Works in Progress* that as a dark skinned Native American he has repeatedly been stopped by police both inside and outside Olympia for spurious reasons. He believes that as a result of going public with this complaint, he is being targeted by the Olympia Police to intimidate him into keeping quiet and not bringing legal action against PSE and possibly the OPD itself. Paddock says he fears reprisals, and now limits his driving around town to a bare minimum.

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Choosing Peace:
A series for the whole community-2003

Larry Mosqueda

Glen Anderson wrote a very good article in last month's *Works in Progress* explaining the 2nd Annual Choosing Peace Series to be held in the Olympia area this year. Like last year, it is to be held around the time of September 11th, since that has become a dividing line for many people as they try to make sense of the changing conditions in the world. 9/11/01 was indeed a traumatic time for many, but also, for many of us, it was a continuation of the shocking and horrifying events that have happen throughout history, especially U.S. foreign policy in the 20th Century. See my article "Shocked and Horrified" at http://192.211.16.13/curricular/nchomsky/shocked.htm.

To paraphrase Noam Chomsky, resistance to the current policies of the United States is not just the moral action to take, but may well be essential for human survival. Last year I noted that when the attacks on the World Trade Center occurred, the world suffered from shock at not only the enormity of the crimes, but also the possible reaction from the American government, as the Bush administration prepared to begin wars rather than pursue criminals. Numerous volumes have been written about the events of 9/11 and thousands of pages of articles and analysis have been done over the past two years. The mainstream media from the *New York Times* (with some exceptions) to the *Olympian* to the talk show pundits have largely been cheerleaders for the illegal Bush administration.

There were and are, however, a great deal of other sources of information available, if one searches them out. Many of the people of the South Sound area have seen through the lies of the Bush administration and the mainstream media. As was done last year, several representatives of many peace and justice activist groups, both religious and secular, have been meeting to plan and coordinate events around the commemoration of the anniversary of 9/11, so that it will not be dominated by the self – congratulatory, self-indulgent, jingoist messages from the Bush administration.

Chomsky has pointed out that the elites are very afraid of the "ultimate weapon," that is the power of the people of the U.S. and the world. Even the *New York Times* noted, after the massive antiwar demonstrations of February 15th around the world, that there were now two super powers in the world, the U.S. government and the anti-war/peace movement. Olympia is not an insignificant part of this world movement, especially after the murder of one our own, Rachel Corrie, by the Israeli government.

"Resistance to the current policies of the United States is not just the moral action to take, but may well be essential for human survival."

The CHOOSING PEACE events during September, October, and November of this year in the Olympia area are the result of a broad-based coalition of local community activists who will provide alternative venues and more accurate information for local residents than is provided by the mainstream media. The schedule for the events is listed elsewhere here in *Works In Progress*. Most events are free and open the public and all persons are invited to attend those events in which they have an interest.

"The so-called "war on terrorism" is no more than a continuation of the War OF Terrorism that the United States has been inflicting on the people of the world since at least the end of World War II."

(Since the coalition is quite broad based, it should be noted that the views and analysis presented in this article are those of the author, and all may not be shared by all coalition participants or their organizations).

CHOOSING PEACE as a concept would appear to be as natural a selection as Choosing Life over death, except in the Orwellian world (War is Peace, Ignorance is Strength, Slavery is Freedom) of the illegal Bush administration. The Afghan campaign was ironically titled "Enduring Freedom" (which means "Permanent War"). The illegal Iraq War of 2003 was/is called "Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)," although originally one idea was to call it "Operation Iraqi Liberation (OIL)", but that idea was scarped for obvious reasons.

The so-called "war on terrorism" is no more than a continuation of the War OF Terrorism that the United States has been inflicting on the people of the world since at least the end of World War II. (Details of these events can be found in William Blum's *Killing Hope*, Howard Zinn's *Terrorism and War*, Noam Chomsky's *Deterring Democracy* and *9/11*, among others).

The U.S. "rationale" for destroying Iraq, i.e., that it possessed "Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) is not even believed by the Bush administration anymore, as it tries to justify it criminal past. See the Bush administration own plans for the current policies in the policy makers owns words in "Rebuilding America's Defenses," published in September of 2000, well before the stolen elections, before 9/11, and before the administration invented the scare of WMD. The Bush plan can be accessed at

The Project For the New American Century at http://www.newamericancentury.org/publicationsreports.htm.

While the regime of Saddam Hussein had very few friends among the world's people, the people of the world knew that a U.S. attack on Iraq, whether it is called "preemptive", "defensive strike" or whatever Orwellian doublespeak the Bush administration wishes to use, was going to be and was an international war crime.

The citizens and people of the South Sound are quite aware of the criminal activities of the Bush administration as demonstrated by last years CHOOSING PEACE series. This is truly an opportunity to choose peace over war, life over death, truth over lies. Local people can take pride in their work and opportunities as they struggle to do even more.

CHOOSING PEACE is truly "a series for the whole community". As the Calendar indicates, there will be over sixty events (at press time). Some will be large, such as the Teach-In on the continuing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq on October 8th or events at the Olympia Film Festivals and some will be small. Some will be solemn, such as the Vigil at Percival Landing on September 11th, and others will be festive such the celebrations of Peace art at Art Walk. At press time some of the events are still in a state of flux and new events are being added. Look for flyers and new information as it comes out and the word gets out. Also check out the OMJP and FOR Websites listed below. Please read the schedule over carefully and attend, contribute, learn, teach, and ask and answer questions. The fate of the world is in our hands; not necessarily those who claim to lead us.

In addition to the sources listed above, the interested reader may want to keep abreast of the following: 1) For regular news that has a great deal of alternative sources as well as links to mainstream sources see Common Dreams at www.commondreams.org; 2) For more Alternative news see AlterNet at www.alternet.org; 3) For professional critiques of the mainstream media see *EXTRA*, which is published by Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, whose website is available at www.fair.org; 4) For up to the date and reliable information on the Middle East see the *Middle East Report or* www.merip.org; 5) For local news and information see FOR at www.olyfor.org and the OMJP at www.omjp.org. This is a short and selective list. More information and sources will be available at many of the events of CHOOSING PEACE.

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An Invitation to Our Local Community...

To be human is to make choices. When problems arise, we figure out solutions. Even when bad things happen to us, we can still choose how to respond.

Two years ago on September 11 when the US was attacked, each of us was flooded with a mix of emotions. After any traumatic event people's feelings and thoughts will evolve over time. In April 2002 some local folks sensed this need and started planning peaceful ways to observe September 11's first anniversary. More and more individuals and organizations connected with this effort, which grew into "Choosing Peace: A Series for the Whole Community." More than 80 events and activities from late August to early November 2002 helped people come together in all sorts of ways to support peace and to strengthen our wonderful community.

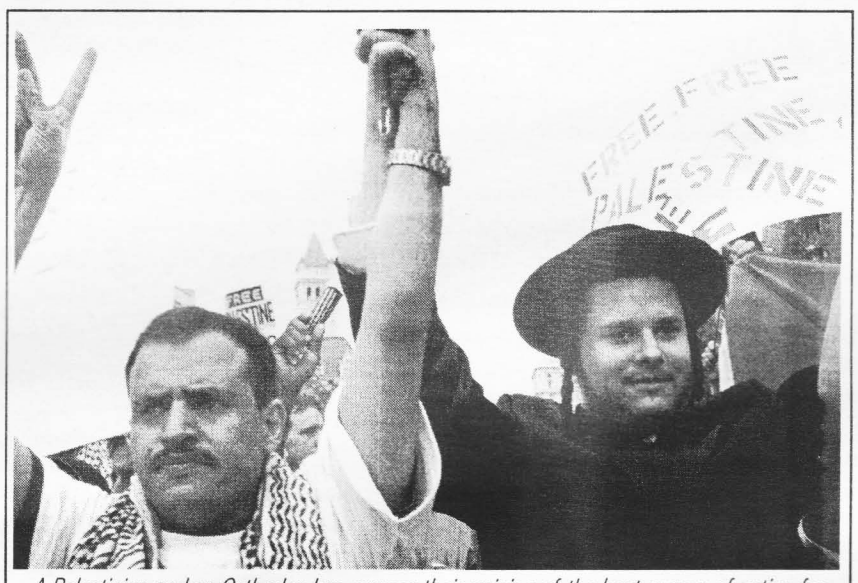
Now in 2003 - after another year and more wars and global turmoil - the need is even greater. Our nation is divided about what to do. Now is a good time to create opportunities for the entire community to reflect thoughtfully on the recent past and choose a better future. Now is a good time for all kinds of people to come together in all kinds of settings to explore how to create peace.

The 2003 Choosing Peace series will help our community come together to work for peaceful and nonviolent solutions for international, local and personal conflicts. The 2003 series includes speakers, music, films, children's activities, religious observances, radio and TV programs, art exhibits, vigils, discussions, workshops, community-building activities, and training to help us practice nonviolence in our daily lives.

The calendar inside this publication can help you find meaningful activities day by day from now into mid-October. We invite you to connect with other people and organizations for further collaboration. Look for a second edition around October 1 featuring more October and November activities. Additional activities are continually being planned and updated, so for the latest information please check various local information sources, including the blue "Choosing Peace" tab on the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's website www.olyfor.org. This publication's front and back pages list organizations and information sources to help you stay informed and active on the larger issues.

The Choosing Peace series is produced by volunteers, but we are incurring about one thousand dollars of expenses for printing and postage, so we hope you will contribute to cover these costs. A donation coupon on this page provides information. Thank you!

Yes, human beings do have choices. During difficult times it is especially important to make choices that reflect our best thinking and our deepest values and yearnings. We invite you to join with others in our local community in choosing peace.



A Palestinian and an Orthodox Jew express their opinion of the best course of action for their homelands during the April 20, 2002 rally against racism and war in Washington D.C.
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American Civil Liberties Union protects people's constitutional rights. It uses court cases, legislative work, grassroots education and mobilization, and other legal methods. ACLU organizations exist at the national, state and local levels. The ACLU of Washington at 705 Second Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 624-2184 contact Thurston County's ACLU at (360) 456-7180 olybruce@yahoo.com

Amnesty International works worldwide to protect human rights. For more than 40 years AI has developed a strong positive reputation for its conscientious work for individual cases. Now AI is increasing its efforts to work on systemic issues, such as women's rights, the death penalty, and protecting the environments of endangered populations. www.amnesty.org Local contact: (360) 534-9254

American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker-based organization that has worked since 1917 on a tremendous number of peace and justice issues and activities around the world and within the US. High priority concerns include Iraq, the Middle East, and other areas of conflict; immigrant rights; reducing the militarization of youth and schools; criminal justice and stopping the death penalty; and various human rights and economic justice issues. AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 241-7170 www.afsc.org

Bring Them Home Now! is a campaign of military families, veterans, active duty personnel, reservists and others opposed to the ongoing war in Iraq and galvanized to action by George W. Bush's inane and reckless challenge to armed Iraqis resisting occupation to "Bring 'em on." www.bringthemhomenow.org

Climate Solutions works to stop global warming as soon as possible by publicizing information and helping the Northwest become a world leader in practical and profitable solutions. Climate Solutions helps Northwest families, communities, governments and industries explore the practical benefits of taking actions here and now. (360) 352-1763 www.climatesolutions.org

Common Dreams is a website that posts many articles on peace and progressive political issues every day and keeps them available for some time. These provide solid information and fresh perspectives not available in mainstream news media. Highly recommended! www.commondreams.org

CounterPunch is a bi-weekly muckraking newsletter edited by Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair. For six years their professional journalists have focused on stories that the corporate press never prints. They print on paper for subscribers and also produce an

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Choosing Peace Calendar

Events for September through mid -October. The next Choosing Peace calendar, which covers events in the latter half of October and all of November, will be released in early October.

All of these events are in Olympia unless stated otherwise.
All of these phone numbers are in area code (360) unless stated otherwise.

Ongoing:

Any date you choose: Work a Day for Peace!
Do you want peace strongly enough to devote one day actually working for peace? Sometime during the 2003 Choosing Peace season (September through Mid-November), would you contribute either one full day's income or eight hours of volunteer time to promote peace?
When? You might choose a particular date, such as September 11, September 21 (U.N. World Peace Day), October 2 (Gandhi's Birthday), your own birthday, or some other significant date. You might even choose a significant date in some other part of the year and commit yourself to it now.
Contribute one day's income to peace: You might decide to contribute one day's gross income from your earnings or pension. If you have a business, farm, or other resource you might figure out some meaningful way to determine one day's income. Contribute this amount to a peace-related organization. Remember that some peace organizations can offer tax-deductibility.
Volunteer 8 hours of time for peace: Instead of giving money, you might schedule one day to spend eight hours of volunteer time working at any peace-related activity or combination of activities. These might include canvassing your neighborhood to talk with persons about peace, volunteering with a peace organization, reading about peace and nonviolence, praying or meditating with an emphasis on peace, or doing anything else that promotes peace.
Make it an annual practice: If you find this meaningful, you might want to set a date to do this again next year and every year.

September through November : Peace Book Display Throughout the Choosing Peace season a variety of books related to peace will be displayed at Orca Books, a locally owned bookstore at 509 4th Ave E. Info: 352-0123

Every Monday : Open Stage for Peace Come one, come all -- galactic bohemian aboriginal indigenous native natural revolutionary nonviolent poets, musicians, comedians, rocket-launching propaganda-slinging community hipsters, conscientious objectors, ontology orators, clowns, gypsies, strippers, screamers, piano playin' protagonists, fire spitters, magicians, wizards, and the rest of you wacky wise wonderful world dwellers and dreamers. The stage is yours from 8 to 10 p.m. at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water SW. Sponsors: Media Island and Planet Arts Network. Info: Nate Hogan 866-3882.

Every Wednesday : Peace Vigil Every Wednesday since March 5, 1980, people have gathered from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the NW corner of Sylvester Park for a simple, friendly vigil for peace. We hold signs for motorists and pedestrians to read. Sometimes people stop and talk with us. We are friendly whether the passersby agree or disagree. The vigil supports peace, social justice and nonviolence. It does not take partisan or electoral positions.

The Pentagon works week after week, year after year, to promote military "solutions" to problems. The peace movement must persist equally if we are to change our nation's foreign policy to one of peace. Our peace vigil's persistence every Wednesday for 23 ½ years is a metaphor for the work we must do relentlessly over the long haul. We receive a great many signs of support from pedestrians and motorists. People tell us how much they appreciate seeing us faithfully vigiling regardless of the political climate or the weather. Over the years this vigil has helped us meet a tremendous number of people and include them in additional ways to work for peace. Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1p.m. in the NW corner of Sylvester Park, Capitol & Legion. Sponsor: Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093

Every Friday : Peace Vigil Every Friday for several years, people have gathered near the southern end of Percival Landing near the corner of Water Street and 4th Avenue for a simple, friendly vigil for peace. Several years ago when the vigil began, we focused on peace with Iraq, with an emphasis on ending economic sanctions. After September 11, 2001, the theme expanded to a broader plea for peace and nonviolence. The vigil does not take partisan or electoral positions. We provide a large variety of signs for participants to hold. We say hello to passing motorists and pedestrians. Sometimes pedestrians stop and talk with us. We are friendly whether people agree or disagree. We receive a great many signs of support from pedestrians and motorists alike – and from all demographic groups. 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. through late October, and 4:30 to 5:30 after Daylight Savings Time ends. Sponsor: Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093

Every Friday : Peace Vigil by Women in Black Women are invited to wear black and vigil silently for peace. Signs will be provided, or feel free to bring your own. "Women in Black" is a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence since 1988. 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Percival Landing along Water Street between State and 4th. Info: Julie 705-2669 jmallessio@yahoo.com

September:

Every Sunday in September: Video *"Fire in the Eyes"* This video documentary is about people who blocked the way to protect a Northern California old growth forest from logging. Police came up to them, pulled back their eyelids, and applied harsh chemicals directly to their eyes. This will be aired on TCTV (channel 22 or 29, depending on your neighborhood) at 10:00 p.m. every Sunday night during September as part of the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's series "In Search of the Big Picture." Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns@olywa.net

Every Monday & Every Thursday in September: *"U.S. Uses Uranium Weapons"* The US went to war allegedly because of Iraq's supposed weapons of mass destruction. Meanwhile, the US used 350 tons of depleted uranium (DU) weapons in Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War and 1,000 to 2,000 tons of it during the 2003 war. The US also used uranium weapons in the former Yugoslavia and in Afghanistan. (The term "depleted uranium" is misleading in that DU is still radioactive and extremely dangerous, especially when DU munitions hit their targets and burn into microscopic particles that are inhaled, causing cancer and other serious diseases). The US government is refusing to provide adequate health care for US troops, Iraqi civilians and the Iraqi environment.

This one-hour TV program features a 30-minute video of solid scientific information presented by U.S. Army Major Doug Rokke, a Ph.D. in forensic science and former Pentagon expert on DU weapons. One guest in the TV studio is Alvin Clark, an army sergeant working with military vehicles going to and from Iraq in 1990-91. He was inadequately protected from DU and toxics, and has suffered debilitating medical problems ever since, despite extensive medical treatments, a year in the hospital, blood transfusions, surgeries and even a bone marrow transplant. Our other studio guest is Ellen Murphy, a Bellingham grandmother who was concerned that the Pentagon is violating the requirements to warn current troops and new recruits about DU and other toxics. She and two other women took it upon themselves to do so at the Bellingham recruiting office and were arrested. Doug Rokke came to Bellingham to testify, but the judge refused to allow the jury to hear Rokke's testimony.

This airs at 1:30 p.m. Mondays and 9 p.m. Thursdays on Thurston Community Television, channel 22 or 29, depending on viewer location in Thurston County. Sponsor: Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 glen@olywa.net

Thurs Sept 4 Dances of Universal Peace Each dance, song and language is taught as we go. No musical or dance experience required, and everyone is welcome. Participation, not presentation, is the focus. Movements and songs include themes of peace (both inner and outer) and healing (earth, individuals and global family). Dancers focus on peace and harmony and create a sense of solidarity and community while celebrating the underlying unity of all the spiritual traditions of earth. This series takes place on the first Thursday of each month, except during summer. 7:30-9:00 p.m., Unity Church, 1335 Fern St SW. Safiya Crane 943-2623.

Fri Sept 5 *"Strong Roots"* film about Brazilian peasants The public is invited to watch " Strong Roots," a film about the lives of Brazilian peasants in search of land, dignity in their lives, and justice in their society through the Landless Workers' Movement (MST). The Landless Workers Movement has worked in international solidarity with many other movements for true justice. Discuss the film afterward and get Lucilene Lira Whitesell's latest information about Brazilian economic and land issues relative to President Lula's new government, the World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Cancún, and the Free Trade Areas of the Americas (FTAA). Sliding scale donation $0-10. Proceeds will help establish the Friends of the MST in our region. 7 p.m. at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Info: Lucilene Lira 753-7232

Sat Sept 6 Video *"The Ad and the Ego"* This video traces the development of advertising from its descriptive 19th century origins through today's high-tech manipulation of powerful symbols and imagery. The average American is exposed to more than 1,500 ads every day. In our "new world order" of diminishing resources and devastating pollution, this film makes the critical connections between the rise of consumerism, environmental degradation and our blind commitment to economic growth at any cost. It demonstrates the link between our debased public discourse and a media culture that defines freedom as consumer choice rather than democratic participation.

Thomas Jefferson once said that "information is the currency of democracy." Only if we are informed can we protect ourselves from abuses of power. But what happens when the media are owned by the powerful? Today only six global corporations dominate all print, broadcast and entertainment media in the US. Free Speech TV presents a special four-part series that unpacks the connection between media and democracy. In each program, FSTV examines how media impacts our daily lives. Tune in and learn how to decode media messages, and how you can move from passive recipient to active participant. The series will be seen on TCTV each Saturday in September at 3:00 p.m. The downlink from FSTV is made possible by Olympia's Media Island International, which pays for TCTV's satellite subscription. 3 p.m. on TCTV, channel 22 or 29, depending on your location. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns@olywa.net

Tues Sept 9 The First Women Voters in Thurston County Thurston County National Organization for Women (NOW) sponsors a presentation by local historian Shanna Stevenson. Learn about our local feisty foremothers as they pushed for women's right to vote. Women are encouraged to continue the tradition of vigorous democracy. 7 p.m. at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water SW. Info: Thurston County National Organization for Women (NOW). Info: 943-3126

Wed Sept 10 Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) Semi-Monthly Meeting OMJP is a grassroots organization dedicated to justice and peace everywhere. Everyone is welcome to their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia. Info: Larry Mosqueda 867-6513 omjp@omjp.org www.omjp.org

Wed-Sun Sept 10-14 World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Meeting in Cancun, Mexico Be alert for news and analysis you won't see or hear in mainstream media. Even if no specific local events focus on this WTO meeting, look for updates at several local events sponsored by the Olympia Movement for Justice and peace (OMJP), such as at the September 11 Commemoration at Percival Landing and the September 13 movie "Missing." We especially encourage you to listen to "Democracy Now," at 9 a.m. on, KAOS radio, 89.3 FM, and read the news at websites such as at Common Dreams, www.commondreams.org, and Global Exchange at www.globalexchange.org

Thurs Sept 11 All-Day Commemoration at Percival Landing Observe the second anniversary of September 11 in several meaningful ways today at Percival Landing. Begin at 11a.m. with a writing wall where people can express their thoughts. Writing materials will be available so people can write to newspapers and elected officials. At 12 noon bring bread from different cultures to share in a Breaking of Bread ceremony. Participate in wide-ranging discussions throughout the day, and gather to hear some speeches and songs at about 5 p.m. The event will end at sunset. (Planning continues, so some activities might change or be added as we get closer to the actual date.) Sponsor: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) Info: Larry Mosqueda, 867-6513, mosqueda@evergreen.edu

Thurs Sept 11 World Peace Prayer Meeting Gather to pray for peace every month. Usually this gathering occurs onthe first Thursday evening of each month, but September's meeting is moved one week later to this special date. 7:00 p.m. at Lacey CommunityCenter, 6729 Pacific Ave SE. Sponsor: SGI-USA-Olympia chapter. (Sokagakkai International is a lay organization of Nichiren Buddhism). Info: Scott or Fil Lipsker 493-2431 flipsker36@hotmail.com, scottlip49@hotmail.com

Thurs-Sun Sept 11 - 15 Tactical Media International Festival Think about activists using cheap digital video cameras and distributing their videos on the Internet. Think about anti-globalization activists using low-power FM radio transmitters. Think about computer programmers developing free and open-source software. Think about wireless technology providing entire communities cheap broadband Internet access. Think about media artists expressing their concerns about current political issues. And think about investigating the politics and economics of information technologies. Now think about signing up to participate in a conference in Amsterdam while sitting in a room in Olympia. Media Island International will be hosting a sit-down with media activists from around the world. Media Island International, 816 Adams SE. Register on-line at www.freeskoolco-op.org or call 352-8526.

Sat Sept 13 The *Olympian's* Perspectives page features a peace article Every Saturday's Olympian newspaper includes a "Perspectives" page dealing with religious and spiritual matters. That page features an article written by someone from a local religious organization. The author and organization vary from week to week. Today's article is written by Glen Anderson from the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, a broadly interfaith pacifist organization. Consistent with this year's Choosing Peace series, the article affirms nonviolence as consistent with the design of the universe and with many religious and spiritual faith traditions. The article also affirms the value of acting on one's faith by deliberately choosing peace. Associated Ministries of Thurston County coordinates the series of articles.

Sat Sept 13 Video *"Toxic Sludge is Good for You"* While advertising is the visible component of the corporate system, perhaps even more important and pervasive is its invisible partner, the public relations industry. *Toxic Sludge is Good for You* illustrates how much of what we think of as independent news and information has its origins in the boardrooms of public relations companies. The video analyzes the tools public relations professionals use to shift our perceptions including a look at the coordinated PR campaign to slip genetically engineered food past public scrutiny. Part of a four-part series by Free Speech TV. Sponsored on TCTV by Olympia's Media Island International. 3 p.m., TCTV, channel 22 or 29, depending on your location.

Sat Sept 13 Watch *"Missing"* a film about "the other September 11," the 1973 Coup Against Democracy in Chile On September 11, 1973, the US and CIA helped overthrow the democratically elected government of President Salvador Allende in Chile. General Pinochet imposed a fascist government that persisted for more than two decades. This movie by Costa-Garvas is based on a true story of an American father who looks for his son in the days after the coup. Jack Lemmon and Sissy Spacek star. 7:00 p.m. at Traditions Café, 300 5th Ave. SW. Sponsor: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) Info: Larry Mosqueda, 867-6513, mosqueda@evergreen.edu

Tues Sept 16 Twelve Short Videos from the "Media that Matters Film Festival" This collection includes a number of powerful and gritty topics such as prison rape, but also includes some lighthearted explorations of understanding between people. The videos total less than 90 minutes of viewing time, so we will have some time to discuss them too. This is September's gathering for the "In Search of the Big Picture" video/discussion series sponsored by the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation and Media Island International. Gather by 7:00 p.m. to watch and discuss interesting videos on the third Tuesday of each month at Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water SW, downtown Olympia. Info: Carol Burns 866-7645 carolburns@olywa.net

Thurs Sept 18 Nonviolent Communication Introductory Workshop Would you like to do something right now and every moment to help make the world you live in less violent and more compassionate? This workshop uses a well-known model developed by Marshall Rosenberg. 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School, 21st & Washington SE. Meet in the cafeteria, off Washington Street and behind the building by parking lot. Sponsor: Puget Sound Network for Nonviolent Communication. Donations are appreciated, but not required. Liv Monroe, 357-4503 liv@psncc.org

Thurs Sept 18 Conversation Café Here is an opportunity to discuss anything from local activism to general philosophies of war and peace, pride and shame, religion and the world, etc. Tonight's conversation is part of a series happening over tea every other Thursday at various locations and hosted by various groups. 7:00 p.m. at Media Island International, 816 Adams SE. Sponsor: Media Island International. Info: Warren 352-8526 or Maya 402-6301

Fri Sept 19 Problem Solving in a Diverse Community This experiential workshop will provide an opportunity for greater understanding of culture and deeper appreciation of the critical role that cultural origins and perspectives play in communication, decision-making and conflict management. Participants will learn durable, practical intercultural tools that will enhance their abilities to address problems successfully within work settings, relationships and communities. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 701 Franklin St SE. Proceeds benefit the Dispute Resolution Center. Info: 956-1155. www.mediatethurston.org

This workshop is designed for community leaders and community members, including government officials, tribal leaders, public and private sector managers and employees, human resource professionals, labor representatives, social justice advocates, teachers, youth workers, counselors, social workers, police officers, probation officers and mediators. Presenter Jon Townsend has worked for more than 28 years in the fields of mediation, facilitation, negotiation, diversity and cross-cultural conflict resolution, management and prevention. As a consultant and educator, he has worked all over the world, throughout the U.S. and in Indian Country to help organizations diversify their workforces, negotiate "win-win" agreements, and successfully manage intercultural conflict. Pre-registration: $95 ($45 students and current DRC volunteers). Day-of-event: $125 ($60 for students and current DRC volunteers). Limited to 35 participants.

Fri Sept 19 The 3rd Annual Ryokan san Lecture "Saving a Burning World" by Hozan Alan Senauke The Olympia Zen Center will host a lecture by Hozan Alan Senauke, a Soto Zen priest and teacher in the tradition of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi. He is head of practice at Berkeley Zen Center in California. Since 1991 Alan has been a leader of Buddhist Peace Fellowship, the oldest and largest international organization of Engaged Buddhists. He speaks, writes and organizes around national and international issues of peace, human rights, structural violence, and the development of a Socially Engaged Buddhism. Alan is a co-founder of Think Sangha, a group of Buddhist-activist intellectuals and writers. He is widely published.

The Ryokan san Lecture Series brings well-known Buddhist teachers to Olympia to speak on a wide range of topics from a Buddhist perspective. This year's lecture will be at 7 p.m. at Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, 2200 East End Street NW. (Go north on Division NW, left on 20th NW, right on East End St NW, to the end.) Info: Fletcher Ward 412-1056 fletcherward@comcast.net A $10 donation is requested. Tickets are available in advance by calling 357-2835, or writing olyzendo@aol.com

Sat Sept 20 Meditation and Study Retreat on the Peace Teachings of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr The Olympia Zen Center is hosting this all-day (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) meditation and study retreat under the leadership of

Hozan Alan Senauke, a Soto Zen priest and teacher in the tradition of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi. He is head of practice at Berkeley Zen Center in California. Since 1991 Alan has been a leader of Buddhist Peace Fellowship, the oldest and largest international organization of Engaged Buddhists. He is a widely published writer who also speaks and organizes around national and international issues of peace, human rights, structural violence, and the development of a Socially Engaged Buddhism. Alan is a co-founder of Think Sangha, a group of Buddhist-activist intellectuals and writers. The retreat will be held at the Olympia Zen Center, 3248 39th Way NE, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is $45 plus dana for the teacher. Space is very limited, so advance registration is required. Info: 357-2385 or www.olympiazencenter.org

Sat Sept 20 Communicating for Couples - Workshop Resolve tension, restore intimacy, and build trust in your relationship. Gain new tools and skills to communicate honestly and empathically. The workshop is based on Nonviolent Communication (NVC) – also known as Compassionate Communication – a model developed by Marshall Rosenberg. Sponsor: Puget Sound Network for Compassionate Communication. Workshop leaders: Suska Davis, Ph.D. and Rod Davis, Ph.D. There is a sliding scale fee. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Olympia. Info, Olympia location and registration: 754-1600 suska@psncc.org

Sat Sept 20 Two Videos *"Killing Us Softly 3"* and *"What a Girl Wants"* Jean Kilbourne's pioneering work helped develop and popularize the study of gender representation in advertising. In *Killing us Softly 3*, Kilbourne reviews if and how the image of women in advertising has changed over the past 20 years. She invites viewers to look at familiar images in a new way that moves and empowers them to take action. Eleven girls age 8 to 16 from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds and two classrooms of middle and high school students were interviewed about their views on media culture and its impact on their lives. Juxtaposing footage culled from a typical week of TV broadcasting with original interviews, *What a Girl Wants* will provoke debate and ideally, act as a catalyst for change in how the media presents girls. Part of a four-part series by Free Speech TV. Sponsored on TCTV by Olympia's Media Island International. 3 p.m., TCTV, channel 22 or 29, depending on your location.

Sun Sept 21 United Nations International Day of Peace In 1981 the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 36/67 declared an International Day of Peace – a day for global ceasefire and nonviolence. The date varied somewhat from year to year, but in 2001 UN General Assembly Resolution 55/282 firmly established the date to be September 21. It is scarcely observed. Olympia peace activists held a celebration more than a decade ago, and Seattle held a very big celebration on September 21 just a few years ago. Here are two sources of information: www.worldpeace.org/peaceday.html#resolution www.un.org/events/peaceday

Wouldn't this be a good occasion to spend a day reflecting on the need to break the cycle of violence? What ideas do you have? What could you do for peace today? What should we start planning now to accomplish on September 21, 2004? Share your ideas and energies with Glen at 491-9093 glen@olywa.net

Sun Sept 21 OlyNow Congratulatory Street Fair Celebrates What Works Our local community will honor and celebrate our successes! We will come together to initiate contacts and explore ideas, thereby creating and integrating our collective vision for a sustainable community. There will be insightful workshops, vendors of delight, delicious food, interactive information booths, live music and theater. 3-9 p.m. in the area surrounding Timberland Library on 9th & Adams. Sponsors: Fertile Ground, Women Rock and Media Island International. Info: Marie Poland 456-3829 and Mechelle Peterson 753-4240.

Sun Sept 21 Treasure Hunt for Peace Kids can enjoy two treasure hunts with peace themes. Both begin at Percival Landing. The one for older children will take participants to various community-oriented spaces in downtown Olympia. Parents are encouraged to participate, and older "guides" will be on hand for groups of kids without a parent present. A smaller picture-and-word treasure hunt for younger kids will remain in the Percival Landing area. 2 p.m. Sponsor: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace. Info: Maya Amichai, 402-6301.

Wed Sept 24 Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) Semi-Monthly Meeting OMJP is a grassroots organization dedicated to justice and peace everywhere. Everyone is welcome to their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia. Info: Larry Mosqueda 867-6513 omjp@omjp.org www.omjp.org

Thurs Sept 25 Study Circles on Race Do you want to deepen your understanding of race relations and participate in improving them? Study circles on race help participants talk about race relations and racism, and how to work together for action and change. When people from diverse backgrounds and experiences are in the same group, personal sharing can open new viewpoints and possibilities. The only requirements for the study circle are curiosity, openness, respect and a commitment to attend each session. There is no charge for the circles, which will meet once a week for five sessions, and are guided by a trained facilitator.

The Sept. 25 informational meeting describes the format of the circles, topics to be covered, and what participants and the community can gain. Facilitators will organize circles meeting at various times and places. Sign up at the meeting or contact Donna Kelly at 786-9791 or Lonnie Locke at 456-2865. Kick-off event. 7 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, main building. Easy parking in large lot off Boundary north of 11th. Enter through main church door there, and look for "The Gathering Space" inside. (Intercity Transit buses 24 and 94 go near the church.) Sponsored by Thurston County Study Circles on Race.

Thurs Sept 25 Study Circles on Interfaith Dialogue Are you curious about the spiritual paths of your neighbors? Are you eager to broaden your own understanding of faith? Study circles for interfaith dialogue is a way to get to know your neighbors and understand their spiritual paths – and by doing so, to better understand your own spiritual journey. This is done in a safe environment, with an emphasis on personal sharing rather than intellectualizing. The only requirements for the study circle are curiosity, openness, respect and a commitment to attend each session. There is no charge for the circles, which will meet once a week for five sessions, and are guided by a trained facilitator. Location and other info: see immediately above.

Thurs Sept 25 "The Power and Practicality of Nonviolence" and "Going Beyond Protest" Enjoy back-to-back workshops on active nonviolence. Workshop #1: Explore the theory and practice of nonviolence, historical examples of successful nonviolent actions, and why nonviolence works. Workshop #2: Besides the usual forms of protest, a more powerful way to exert nonviolent pressure against oppressors is to withdraw consent and cooperation with them. This is consistent with Thomas Jefferson, Mahatma Gandhi, Gene Sharp and other strategists. Explore the creative possibilities in this workshop. Both workshops include plenty of useful handouts. Meet from 6 to 9 p.m. at Traditions Café, Fifth and Water SW in downtown Olympia. Part of Olympia Community FreeSkool's series. Workshop info: Glen 491-9093 glen@olywa.net FreeSkool info and pre-registration: FreeSkool@Ureach.com www.freeskoolco-op.org 1(877)296-4981.

Fri Sept 26 Deadline to apply for this fall's SafePlace Volunteer Training Volunteer training will occur from October 13 through November 20. SafePlace provides services to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Their services include free and confidential shelter, 24-hour crisis line, individual support and advocacy, and culturally relevant and multi-lingual services. SafePlace exists because sexual and domestic violence affects us all. Office 786-8754 www.safeplaceolympia.org

Sat Sept 27 Banned Books Week Over the years a large number and variety of books have been banned in the US. See a display and hear high school students read excerpts from some of these books. The location will be set soon. Sponsor: ACLU of Thurston County. Info: Bruce DeLoria 456-7180 olybruce@yahoo.com

Sat Sept 27 Video *"Guerrilla Video Primer"* provides an informative "insider" look into the world of radical alternative video journalism. From local events to the largest direct actions of our time, this tutorial is our effort to better train and expand the growing pool of guerrilla journalists. Last of a four-part series by Free Speech TV. Sponsored on TCTV by Olympia's Media Island International. 3 p.m., TCTV, channel 22 or 29, depending on your location. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns@olywa.net

October:

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Contact SafePlace for local information. Office 786-8754 24-hour crisis line 754-6300 www.safeplaceolympia.org

Every Sunday in October Video about Peace or Social Justice Every Sunday evening at 10:00 p.m. you can watch an interesting video documentary about peace or social justice on TCTV (channel 22 or 29, depending on your neighborhood). This is part of the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's series "In Search of the Big Picture." Look for the program title and more information around October 1. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns@olywa.net

Every Monday & Every Thursday in October "Choosing Peace" The Olympia FOR is devoting its October 2003 TCTV program to the process of deliberately, intentionally choosing peace. We'll draw from the information and insights presented in *Dangerous Peace-making*, the new book by Helena Meyer-Knapp, Ph.D. Helena will be one guest on this TV program. The other guest is Diana Cushing, Ph.D., a local psychologist who will talk about the process of empowering ourselves and actually choosing.

The public typically feels that decisions of war and peace are out of their hands. We are more likely to achieve peace if the public feels that it can indeed choose peace. Helena Meyer-Knapp's book deals with the processes that sustain wars and the opportunities, processes and risks that political and other leaders experience when they decide to stop fighting. Ultimately, the leaders make peace only when they choose to do so. When the public realizes that war and peace are actual choices – not historical inevitabilities that are beyond our control – the public will be more likely to demand that our leaders stop making war and start making peace. The public can help cultivate political climates and opportunities that can make peace more likely.

This airs at 1:30 p.m. Mondays and 9 p.m. Thursdays on Thurston Community Television, channel 22 or 29, depending on viewer location in Thurston County. Sponsor: Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 glen@olywa.net

Sat Oct 2 Dance of the Peaceful Planets "Keep Space for Peace Week" includes the "Radco" dancers and wonderful music by the Carlyle Group and public participation at 6:30 p.m. at Mariah Art Studio's new location on Olympia's West Side. Sponsored by the local chapter of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. Info: Holly 866-0257

Sat Oct 2 A Birthday Party for Gandhi Come celebrate the birthday of Mohandas Gandhi, a man who dedicated his life to nonviolent action and change. Hear Bernie Meyer, a long-time activist and scholar of nonviolence, portray Gandhi and discuss Gandhi's insights. Learn how to spin a small amount of fiber, as Gandhi taught his followers to spin to reduce their dependency on British goods. Enjoy refreshments and socializing. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Olympia Timberland Library, 8th Ave between Franklin and Adams. Sponsor: Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. Info: Kristen Dahle 357-3553.

Thurs Oct 2 World Peace Prayer Meeting This occurs on the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey. Sponsor: SGI-USA-Olympia chapter. (Sokagakkai International is a lay organization of Nichiren Buddhism). Info: Scott or Fil Lipsker 493-2431 flipsker36@hotmail.com scottlip49@hotmail.com

Thurs Oct. 2 Dances of Universal Peace Each dance, song and language is taught as we go. No musical or dance experience required, and everyone is welcome. Participation, not presentation, is the focus. Movements and songs include themes of peace (both inner and outer) and healing (earth, individuals and global family). Dancers focus on peace and harmony and create a sense of solidarity and community while celebrating the underlying unity of all the spiritual traditions of earth. This series takes place from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, except during summer, at Unity Church, 1335 Fern St SW. Info: Safiya Crane 943-2623.

Thurs Oct 2 Conversation Café Here is an opportunity to discuss anything from local activism to general philosophies of war and peace, pride and shame, religion and the world, etc. Tonight's conversation is part of a series happening over tea every other Thursday at various locations and hosted by various groups. 7:00 p.m. at Media Island International, 816 Adams SE. Sponsor: Media Island International. Info: Warren 352-8526 or Maya 402-6301

Fri Oct 3 Elementary School Peace Art As part of Arts Walk, elementary school students will display artwork with a peace theme in the window of a downtown spice shop, Buck's Fifth Avenue. This project was inspired by the United Nations' International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World. See the window of Buck's Fifth Avenue, 209 5th Ave SE. Sponsor: Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. Info: Kristen Dahle 357-3553 kjdahle@comcast.net

Sat Oct 4 Domestic Violence: Equipping Faith Communities To Respond Faith communities are often the first source of help sought by families facing domestic violence. Preparation can help you to provide meaningful assistance, promote safety in a crisis and reduce the chance of adverse liability. Today's training can equip key people in faith communities to recognize and respond appropriately and effectively to domestic violence. This is especially appropriate for faith community leaders, including rabbis, pastors, teachers, leaders of men's, women's and youth groups, staff of faith-based organizations, as well as congregation members, staff, counselors and social service providers. 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Placid Priory, 500 College Street NE, Lacey. (From Martin Way go north on College Street, look for sign on the right, and drive downhill on the long driveway.) Sponsored by Associated Ministries of Thurston County, Olympia Union Gospel Mission and Operation Teen Esteem. Call Associated Ministries at 357-7224 for more information or to register.

Sat Oct 4 Israeli and Palestinian Bereaved Families for Peace Hear about the Middle East conflict from an Israeli and a Palestinian who have endured tragedy and chosen the path of peace. Ghazi Briegieth is a Palestinian Muslim who lives in Beit Ummar near Hebron on the West Bank. His 31-year-old brother was shot and killed by the Israeli army in November 2000 during the early months of the Al Aqsa Intifada. Rami Elhanan is a third generation Jerusalemite and the son of a holocaust survivor. A suicide bomber killed his 14-year old daughter, Smader Elhanan, in September 1997. Both men have suffered a great personal loss to the ongoing violence but have made a courageous commitment to seek a just and sustainable peace. These two men present a refreshing point of view on the seemingly unsolvable Middle East conflict. Their message of reconciliation, acceptance and tolerance give hope that forgiveness and compassion can overcome hatred and violence.

This speaking engagement is free. Donations are invited to supporting their work of reconciliation back home. 7:30 p.m. in the chapel on the second floor of the United Churches, 110 11th Ave (between Capitol Way and 11th). Sponsored by Olympia Friends Meeting (Quakers) and a growing number of other groups, including (at press time) the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project. Info: Mark Brodeck or Donna Schumann, 943-0965.

Sun Oct 5 Explore Gandhi's Concepts and Practice of Satyagraha and Ahimsa Learn about and discuss satyagraha and ahimsa, the concepts of nonviolent non-cooperation and love that Gandhi lived by. Janice Holz, a member of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community, will present a sermon/message on satyagraha and ahimsa, two concepts central to Gandhi's work. The service begins at 11:00 a.m. and is followed by time for discussion, snacks, and conversation. Copies of the sermon will also be posted on the All Souls website www.asuuc.org after the service. All Souls meets at the Columbian Hall, 6794 Martin Way E, Lacey. Take I-5 exit #109 onto Martin Way and go east on Martin Way through Lacey. Go east for about 1¼ miles past Carpenter Road to the traffic light at Kinwood Drive. When you reach Kinwood Drive, turn left into the driveway on the north side of Martin Way. Follow it back to Columbian Hall, which is set back from the road.

Sun Oct 5 National Day of Protest The peace group Not in Our Name says: "We see through the lies. War is not peace. Occupation is not liberation. Immigrants are not terrorists. Police state restrictions are not security." NION has called for a National Day of Protest on Sunday October 5. Info: 206-322-3813 www.notinourname-Seattle.net seattle_notinourname@hotmail.com

Sun Oct 5 Save a Life A Benefit for Cambodian Victims of Land Mines Cambodian Buddhist monks will tell stories of Cambodian culture from ancient to modern eras. They also will tell what happened a few decades ago during Pol Pot's reign of terror. A movement is underway to remove the land mines that continue to kill and maim today. Music will celebrate opportunities for world peace. Music will include local Native American drummers, a Jewish choir, singers from Unity Church, traditional chants by Cambodian Buddhist monks, and harp music. Traditional food will be available. This event generates income directly for removing land mines and helping victims. 2:00 p.m. at Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington SE. Sponsor: Wat Prachum Raingsey Cambodian Buddhist Association. Tickets and info: Earth Magic 754-0357 www.geocities.com/earthmagictours/events

Mon-Fri Oct 6-10 Walk to School Week Kids can do their part to reduce global warming by walking to school this week instead of burning fossil fuels. People of all ages can promote alternatives to fossil fuels by working with all levels of governments to make streets more walkable for people of all ages. Info: Chris Hawkins, Coordinator of Smart Moves Transportation Programs at Climate Solutions, 610 4th Ave E, Olympia 352-1763 ext 105 chris@climatesolutions.org

Wed Oct 8 "Keep Space for Peace" Special Emphasis for Peace Vigil As part of the International Days of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space (Sat Oct 4 through Sat Oct 11), additional persons and signs will join the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's regular Wednesday peace vigil from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the NW corner of Sylvester Park, Legion & Capitol Way. The Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space is calling for local actions around the world during this week to educate people about the dangers of the militarization of space. The global network is organizing protests at military and aerospace industry facilities and is urging people to visit their Congressional representatives. Info: Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space (207) 729-0517 www.space4peace.org Local info: Holly Gwinn Graham 866-0257 HollyGG@msn.com

Wed Oct 8 Teach-In on the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq Two years ago on October 7 the US began attacking and bombing Afghanistan. Now we're in a quagmire in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Learn about the background, current realities, and future possibilities. Speakers will include Alan Nasser, who will give an overview of the impacts of these wars; Therese Saliba, who will discuss the impact of these wars on the women of the countries; and Phan Nguyen, who will speak on the impact of these wars on the Palestine/Israeli conflict. 7:00 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia. (Note: This locationis tentative and might change.) Sponsor: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) Info: Larry Mosqueda, 867-6513, mosqueda@evergreen.edu

Thurs-Sun Oct 9-12 "Fostering Alternatives to Violence" 2nd Annual Conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association The national conference of this organization will feature speakers, panels, workshops and other activities at The Evergreen State College. The Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA) is a nonprofit organization resulting from the merger of two respected organizations, the Consortium on Peace Research Education and Development (COPRED) and the Peace Studies Association (PSA). Both organizations provided leadership on the broadly defined field of peace, conflict and justice studies. The organization brings together academics, K-12 teachers and grassroots activists to explore alternatives to violence and share visions and strategies for social justice and social change. The conference's schedule runs from 5 p.m. Thursday through 1 p.m. Sunday. Featured presenters include Pramila Jayapal, Paul Rogat Loeb, Naomi Klein, and Peter McLaren. Schedule, registration and other info: www.peacejusticestudies.org pjsa@evergreen.edu 867-5230

Fri Oct 10 "Keep Space for Peace" Special Emphasis for Peace Vigil Additional persons and signs will join the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's regular Friday peace vigil from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the south end of Percival Landing, 4th & Water. See Wed Oct 8 for info.

Sat Oct 11 Bands Against Bush The public is invited to enjoy music and political conversations on the Washington State Capitol grounds and at many other locations as part of a worldwide music and political festival for persons who oppose Bush's foreign and domestic policies. Bands Against Bush is an international movement that uses music and art for protest and political involvement. They encourage dialogue and debate as ways for people to empower themselves in a political climate that seems= hostile to dissent. They want to bring people together through outreach, trust and inclusion. They want a more peaceful, just and equitable world and sees the BushAdministration as hostile to those goals. Details about events in Olympia and elsewhere will be available soon. Info: www.bandsagainstbush.com or tobi@bumpidee.com

Sun Oct 12 Children's Day: Hands Are Not for Hurting Kids can commit themselves to refraining from using violence, and a participatory activity can help. Participants at the "Hands Are Not for Hurting" table may trace and cut out their

hands on purple paper and affirm, "I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others." They may take home a reminder of this and post their drawing on a banner with others who have taken this pledge. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia. The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation sponsors this as a way to help implement the United Nations' International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World. Info: Kristen Dahle 357-3553 kjdahle@comcast.net

Sun Oct 12 Toys for Peace Toys for Peace provides caregivers with a simple guide for talking with children about non-violent play and conflict resolution, asks children to sign a peacemaker pledge, and rewards children with a peace prize. This is part of the annual Children's Day Celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia. Sponsor: Associated Ministries of Thurston County. 357-7224 amtcoly@aol.com

Sun Oct 12 Peace Storytime A reading of three children's books with themes of peace for ages 4 -8 will be followed by a small art project reflecting on a character or part from a story. 2 p.m. at Orca Books, 509 4th Ave E. Contact Orca for a list of the books that will be read. Sponsor: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace. Info: Maya Amichai, 402-6301

Sun Oct 12 Olympia Film Society Give peace a chance today. Celebrate John Lennon's birthday with a special film. Free admission! Olympia Film Society, 9:00 p.m. at Capitol Theatre, 206 E. 5th Ave

Tues Oct 14 Rabbinical Writings on Peace : Study Session Rabbi Seth Goldstein of Temple Beth Hatfiloh will facilitate an in-depth reading and discussion of traditional Jewish rabbinical writings on peace. This will take place in the sukkoh, a temporary outdoor structure built for the harvest holiday, Sukkot. Everyone is welcome! No prior knowledge of Jewish literature is required. 6:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 8th & Franklin SE. Info: Temple Beth Hatfiloh 754-8519

Wed Oct 15 Domestic Violence Survivors Day Survivors of domestic violence will read a statewide proclamation by Gov. Locke marking the Third Annual Domestic Violence Survivors Day. Guest speakers and music will also be part of this event at 12 noon at the John O'Brien Bldg. on the State Capitol Campus. Survivors in Service are conducting this with their organization, the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Info: Pinkly, Connie Sue 754-6300, ext 102

Thurs-Sat Oct 16-18 and Oct 23-25: Training to Mediate Disputes The Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County offers forty hours of basic mediation training. The course includes the philosophy, concepts, process model and specific behavioral skills to give a beginner a working knowledge of the role of a neutral mediator. This is required for serving as a mediator at the DRC and skills are highly transferable to other areas of life. Participants must attend all sessions. $490. Must pre-register early. 956-1155 www.mediatethurston.org

Sat Oct 18 "Dealing with Anger & Other Emotional Triggers : A Positive Approach" A skill-based workshop to learn the most conscious and compassionate ways to handle anger and other intense emotional responses when we are "triggered" or someone we are interacting with is triggered. Based on Nonviolent Communication (NVC), which is also known as Compassionate Communication. Sponsor: Puget Sound Network for Compassionate Communication. Workshop leaders: Suska Davis, Ph.D. and Rod Davis, Ph.D. Sliding scale fee. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Olympia. Info and registration: 754-1600 suska@psncc.org

The next Choosing Peace calendar, which covers events in the latter half of October and all of November, will be released in early October.

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Organizations and Information Sources Working for Peace, Human Rights, and Related Goals:

electronic version. Call Toll Free 1-800-840 3683 or write CounterPunch, PO BOX 228, Petrolia, CA 95558 or visit www.counterpunch.org

Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program hosted by award-winning journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez. Democracy Now! airs Monday through Friday on more than 140 stations in North America, including KAOS-FM 89.3 from 9 to 10 a.m. and TCTV (cable channels 22/29) in Thurston County from 5 to 7 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. You may also read their news and other information at www.democracynow.org

Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County helps people resolve disputes by bringing them together and facilitating a good problem-solving process. Disputes include family, divorce, and visitation problems; conflicts in the workplace or neighborhood; misunderstandings among friends and associates; problems with governmental agencies; the kinds of disputes that commonly go to Small Claims Court; and some victim/offender problems. The DRC trains mediators well and always seeks more volunteers. (360) 956-1155 www.mediatethurston.org

Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC) worked with other groups to inform the public and Congress about economic sanctions that killed 5,000 Iraqi children every month by depriving them of basic human needs such as clean water, medicine, etc. EPIC, 1101 Pennsylvania Ave S.E., Washington DC, 20003 (202) 543-6176 www.epic-usa.org

Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) analyzes news media coverage and exposes latent and overt bias. FAIR helps us understand what is really happening and how to get behind the spin and bias. FAIR publishes *Extra!* magazine and produces the CounterSpin radio program that Olympia's KAOS-FM 89.3 broadcasts every Monday at 5:30 p.m. FAIR, 112 West 27th Street, New York, NY 10001 www.fair.org

Fellowship of Reconciliation is the national level of the nation's oldest interfaith pacifist organization (since 1915). Local chapters exist in about a hundred communities throughout the US (See Olympia FOR below), and national FOR groups exist in about 40 other countries. The FOR's website includes links to other organizations, including some of the affiliated religious peace fellowships (Baptist, Buddhist, Episcopal, Jewish, Lutheran, Muslim, and Orthodox). Ask for referrals to the additional religious peace fellowships not linked here. Box 271, Nyack NY 10960 (845) 358-4601 www.forusa.org This

Foreign Policy in Focus describes itself as "a think tank without walls" and provides a variety of interesting information. www.fpif.org

Friends Committee on National Legislation provides Quaker perspectives on peace, disarmament, military spending, human rights, specific geographical areas, and other public policy issues. FCNL is well respected for its high quality information and its ability to mobilize thoughtful pressure on Congress. FCNL, 245 Second St NE, Washington DC 20002 (202) 547-6000 fcnl@fcnl.org www.fcnl.org

Global Exchange is an international human rights organization that works for environmental, political, economic and social justice. Since its founding in 1988 it has increased the US public's global awareness and built partnerships worldwide. It has done especially good work regarding global economic trade issues and certain nations that are in serious conflict. It has worked hard for peace with Iraq. Global Exchange, 2017 Mission Street, #303, San Francisco CA 94110 (415) 255-7296 www.globalexchange.org

Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space: The National Missile Defense ("Star Wars") scheme is vastly more dangerous than the public recognizes. It is much more an offensive, rather than defensive strategy. NASA is militarily oriented as well. The Global Network is the premier source of information on these topics. Contact: PO Box 90083, Gainesville, FL 32607 (352) 337-9274 globalnet@mindspring.com www.space4peace.org or call Holly Gwinn Graham in Olympia (360) 866-0257 HollyGG@msn.com

IndyMedia is a growing worldwide movement for independent media. For example, Seattle's Independent Media Center identifies itself as "a grassroots organization committed to using media production and distribution as a tool for promoting social and economic justice. It is our goal to further the self-determination of people under-represented in media production and content, and to illuminate and analyze local and global issues that impact ecosystems, communities and individuals. We seek to generate alternatives to the biases inherent in the corporate media controlled by profit, and to identify and create positive models for a sustainable and equitable society." www.seattleindymedia.org

The International Solidarity Movement works nonviolently to end the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and abuse of Palestinian people. Individuals from around the world volunteer to raise international awareness and to use nonviolent, direct-action methods of resistance to confront and challenge illegal Israeli occupation forces and policies. www.palsolidarity.org

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Middle East Peace Research and Information Project (MERIP): Since 1971 MERIP has provided solid information and analysis on the Middle East for media and others who want accurate and professional quality information. It publishes a quarterly *Middle East Report* and also provides free, web-only news analysis and commentary. MERIP is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that is completely independent and has no links to any religious, educational or political organizations in the US or elsewhere. www.merip.org

MoveOn brings ordinary people back into politics by serving as an on-line catalyst for grassroots involvement. MoveOn's international network of two million online activists is huge, quick and powerful. When there is a disconnect between broad public opinion and legislative action, MoveOn builds electronic advocacy groups. Recent examples have included Iraq, campaign finance, environment, energy, impeachment, gun safety, and nuclear disarmament. www.moveon.org

The Nation: One of the US's oldest political periodicals (since 1865 – that's 138 years!) publishes weekly. The authors and articles are among the best anywhere. You can subscribe by mail or read articles at www.thenation.com

Nonviolence Web is a tremendous, wide-ranging resource for information and articles about nonviolence and links to a wide variety of organizations and sources supporting nonviolence. Highly recommended! www.nonviolence.org

Not in Our Name: A tremendous number of Americans are offended by the current wars our government is conducting. This organization and website lift up that sense and helps people speak out and connect. www.notinourname.net

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has been working locally for peace, social justice and nonviolence since 1976. The Olympia FOR carries out a wide variety of activities, including vigils, newsletters, TCTV programs, video discussions, workshops, special events, and more. The Olympia FOR is broadly intergenerational and interfaith (including people of no particular religion) and works cooperatively with organizations throughout our community. (360) 491-9093 www.OlyFOR.org

Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets twice a month to organize and carry out a variety of informational and action-oriented activities to promote peace and social justice. OMJP believes that the issues of justice and peace cannot be separated, and that by furthering economic and social justice we create the conditions for a peaceful world. OMJP includes educators, students and activist community members. www.omjp.org

Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project actively promotes and fosters friendships between the people of Olympia, Washington and Rafah, Palestine, to strengthen cross-cultural awareness and understanding, international cooperation, justice, and peace. Rachel Corrie (1979-2003) envisioned a sister-city relationship between Olympia and Rafah. Several projects are being developed. ORSCP, PO Box 6275, Olympia WA 98507 www.orscp.org

Olympians for Peace in the Middle East educates the community about the background and current realities related to the Israel-Palestine conflict. OPME works to end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and supports peace, security and human dignity for all people. www.opme.org

Pax Christi USA is a nationwide Catholic peace organization that is part of the international Pax Christi movement. Pax Christi USA promotes Christian nonviolence from the personal to the global level, and works to transform structures of society. Pax Christi USA rejects war, and every form of violence and domination. It advocates primacy of conscience, economic and social justice, and respect for creation. It promotes the gospel imperative of peacemaking as a priority in the Catholic Church. Pax Christi USA, 532 W. 8th Street Erie, PA 16502 www.paxchristiusa.org Local information: Bob Zeigler 570-0848 zeiglerbob@msn.com

Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA) is a nonprofit organization resulting from the merger of two respected organizations, the Consortium on Peace Research Education and Development (COPRED) and the Peace Studies Association (PSA). Both organizations provided leadership on the broadly defined field of peace, conflict and justice studies. The organization brings together academics, K-12 teachers and grassroots activists to explore alternatives to violence and share visions and strategies for social justice and social change. www.peacejusticestudies.org pjsa@evergreen.edu (360) 867-5230

Peace & Justice Calendar (mostly Seattle area): This very comprehensive calendar is many pages long and is updated often. It chronologically lists hundreds of events related to peace, social justice, nonviolence, feminism, racial justice, environment, gay/lesbian/bi/trans issues, and more. It's posted at www.scn.org/activism/calendar. You can have it e-mailed to you regularly by sending a request to bb369@scn.org and specifying text, RTF formatted or both.

People for the American Way works for the values and institutions that sustain a diverse democratic society. Many of these are now threatened by the influence of the radical right and its allies who have gained political power. People for the American Way collaborates with other organizations to mobilize Americans to protect diversity and democracy. www.pfaw.org

Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy instigates democratic conversations and actions that contest the authority of corporations to govern. Since the late 1800s corporations have accumulated more and more legal and political powers. Ordinary citizens, workers, consumers and voters are finding their powers and choices squeezed out. This threatens democracy and our inalienable human rights. POCLAD researches and publicizes information and organizes efforts to restore democracy. POCLAD, Box 246, South Yarmouth MA 02664 (508) 398-1145 www.poclad.org

The Progressive: This monthly magazine has published articles and information supporting peace and social justice since 1909. You can subscribe by mail or read the articles on their website www.progressive.org

Puget Sound Network for Compassionate Communication sponsors training and provides printed resources to promote Compassionate Communication (Nonviolent Communication), a model developed by Marshall Rosenberg. This helps people meet their needs without hurting other people. Its principles work at all levels from the interpersonal through international levels. www.psncc.org

September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows is an organization of persons whose family members died in the 9-11-01 attack and who want peace rather than war as the US response. www.peacefultomorrows.org

Sound Nonviolent Opponents of War (SNOW) is a Puget Sound area coalition of more than 100 groups including some in Thurston county, working to prevent escalation of war in Iraq and elsewhere. SNOW has explicit guidelines affirming nonviolence and respect for everyone. SNOW, 225 N 70th St, Seattle WA 98103-5099 (206) 789-2684 www.snowcoalition.org

Support Sanity works to publicly affirm the fundamental humanity of people on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian issue – both as an end in itself and as the only basis for resolving the problems. This independent public campaign is promoting an evenhanded two-state solution by promoting the mass display of a simple, "symmetrically-affirmative" symbol: the Israeli and Palestinian flags crossed in friendship over the motto "Justice · Peace · Life." www.supportsanity.org

Thurston Council on Cultural Diversity and Human Rights is a small county agency that actively promotes diversity and respect for all people, regardless of race, religion or other differences. 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia WA 98502-6045 (360) 786-5498 elderr@co.thurstonwa.us

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United for Peace and Justice is an amazingly diverse nationwide coalition of more than 650 national and local organizations throughout the US that came together to prevent and oppose the 2003 war against Iraq and our government's policy of permanent warfare and empire-building. UFPJ has spurred hundreds of protests and rallies around the country, and organized the two largest demonstrations against the Iraq war. www.unitedforpeace.org

United for Peace: Thurston County is the local affiliate of the nationwide UFPJ coalition. We planned and carried out a great number and variety of local activities before and during the 2003 war on Iraq. Planning for the future is underway. www.united4peacetc.org

United Nations does a tremendous variety of practical and constructive work all over the world. The UN's website has a wealth of information. Check it out! www.un.org

Veterans for Peace is a non-profit educational and humanitarian organization dedicated to the abolishing war. VFP was founded in 1985 by ex-service members committed to sharing the horrors they experienced. Based on their first-hand experience, they proudly and patriotically continue to denounce war despite whatever misguided sense of euphoria supports it. VFP, World Community Center, 438 North Skinker, St. Louis MO 63130 314-725-6005 www.veteransforpeace.org

War Resisters League is one of the few great old (1923) principled pacifist organizations. WRL, 339 Lafayette St, New York NY 10012 (212) 228-0450 wrl@warresisters.org www.warresisters.org

War Times focuses on the new war and related wars since Sept 11, 2001. Its publication includes a Spanish version. www.war-times.org

Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is the only statewide organization dedicated exclusively to working to abolish the death penalty. WCADP works actively to educate the public, conduct community activities, and inform political leaders. It provides printed resources and speakers, coordinates anti-death penalty activities, works with the media and legislature, and maintains contact with persons on Washington's death row. This truly is a peace issue, because many of the same dynamics that fuel wars also fuel the passions to kill certain individuals. WCADP, PO Box 3045, Seattle, WA 98114-3045 (206) 622-8952 www.abolishdeathpenalty.org

Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR) provides information and support for working on important peace and social justice issues, connections with local FOR chapters in Western Washington, and links beyond. WWFOR, 225 N 70th St, Seattle WA 98103-5099 (206) 789-5565 wwfor@connectexpress.com www.scn.org/activism/wwfor

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The American Justice System And The Mentally Ill

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In the United States, people with mental illness are discriminated against and abused in all sections of the criminal justice system. For them, working through the harsh and rigid complexities of America's judicial system is a hopeless and abusive experience. Both police and prison officials, who are ill equipped with knowledge and skills, often behave with neglect or brutality towards mentally ill individuals.

The history of encounters between police and mentally ill people reveals a grim reality. Local police departments, who are often misinformed about mental health issues, are quick to react in harsh and degrading ways. The Department of Justice reported in 1999, that 16% (300,000) of the people incarcerated in the United States have a mental illness. That number is more than four times the population in state mental hospitals. This enormous number is the result of police officers' eagerness to arrest mentally ill people for minor offenses, or for no offense at all in the case "mercy bookings "- where officers arrest mentally ill people without charging them with anything.

The reasoning behind this illegal police action is that the police are supposedly protecting mentally ill people from themselves and others. Studies have shown that mentally ill individuals are four times more likely to spend time in jail for minor offenses then non-mentally ill individuals. A report done in 1992 revealed that jails in America *admitted* that 29% of jail population were mentally ill people who were not being charged with any crime. The majority of them were waiting to be transferred. Such arrests are a gross violation of the of Fifth and Eighth Amendments of the United States Constitution, but to grant Constitutional protection to mentally ill individuals is to see them as functioning citizens who have the potential to contribute to their communities; people who deserve respect and dignity. This notion, which could be considered common sense by some, is often hard for law enforcement, judicial officials, and administrative bureaucrats to grasp, much less comprehend and practice.

The abuse toward mentally ill people is not limited to false arrest and excessive punishment. In 2000, Amnesty International released its report on police misconduct in the United States entitled *Rights For All*. The report cited several "suicide by cop" incidents, where mentally ill individuals who were threatening to kill themselves were killed by the police. For example, in Los Angeles California, February of 1999, Ricardo Close had cut his neck and was threatening to kill himself. His wife called the police in desperation. After the police arrived, Close, in his distraught state, threw a knife at the police. The LA Sheriff's deputies responded by firing at Close 38 times and killing him.

The underlying societal assumption that the mentally ill are dangerous and unpredictable is often used as a justification for such false arrest and acts of brutality. A modest examination into the relationship between mentally ill individuals and criminal behavior reveals that these assumptions have no basis in reality, and their persistence rests on deep-seated prejudices that are ingrained into several of the institutions which shape people's lives. It has been statistically proven that mentally ill people are no more likely to be a serious endangerment to other people than non-mentally ill people. If anything, mentally ill people are more affected by crime and violent behavior. A news report released by ABC News reveals that 8.2% of the mentally ill population has been victimized by crime, as opposed to the 3.4% of the general population.

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Some police departments and public officials have begun to address the issue of police abuse and mentally ill individuals. A survey taken in 1999 showed that 78 out of 194 departments with populations over 100,000 have developed some type of program for working with mentally ill people. Such programs include "Memphis Plans" or Crisis Intervention teams, were officers team up with mental health specialists to work with mentally ill people. Several departments have begun developing special trainings for their officers, to help them become more informed on mental illness issues and better prepared to act appropriately. Some departments have begun to reevaluate protocol and police procedure towards mentally ill people.

Such steps in reforming police departments are necessary, but it remains questionable if they will be able to fully root the problem of police abuse toward mentally ill people. In 1998, the New York Police Department reported responding to 36,000 incidents involving "Emotionally Disturbed Persons," but only 4,000 were handled by the Emergency Service Unit. Even more so, the local case of Kent DeBoer brings the effectiveness of these modest reforms into serious question.

In 2001, Kent Deboer, a mentally ill man in Olympia, Washington, began to behave in an aggressive manner towards his parents in their home, due to a change in his medication. Kent's mother, nervous about her son's behavior, called her son's case worker, who in turn called the police against her wishes. By the time the police arrived, Kent's parents had gotten him to take his medicine and Kent was calming down. The police ordered both of Kent's parents out of their home. The Deboers at first refused, informing the police that Kent was calming down and if they merely waited, he would be fine. Kent's parents claimed that coming into the home would only provoke Kent further and cause him to act up. The police ignored the Deboers, ordered them out of the house, and proceeded to enter the home. Kent, still in a deranged state, chased the police out. Three police officers decided to reenter the home with their guns drawn. The police ended up breaking down the door, tasering Kent with 50,000 volts of electricity while also firing at Kent eight times, hitting him six times. Their justification was that Kent was armed with a knife, which they said he threw it at the officers feet before they opened fire.

Kent managed to survive the incident, but was charged with seven accounts of assault and faces serious medical problems. Two of the officers involved in Kent DeBoer's shooting had worked with him before and were aware of his mental illness. One of the other officers was designated "Officer of the Year."

The Olympia Police Department's protocol discourages officers from using deadly force toward mentally ill individuals, and Chief Michel claims that officers are given tools to help them de-escalate situations. These reforms obviously have shown to have a minor effect, if at all, in discouraging police officers from using abusive and brutal methods towards mentally ill people.

Kent DeBoer's case reveals that changes that police and public officials are taking themselves to adjust departments appear to have a limited effect. To adequately address all the problems that mentally ill people face with the legal system, there needs to be a greater democratization of the police in the United States. Communities need to establish strong delegated civilian review boards which are totally independent of the police and have the power to investigate, subpoena, and prosecute, and whose members are accountable to the public. There should be an alternative court system, where judges are informed mental health issues, and can put mentally ill individuals behavior within its proper context. Such courts should have strong community oversight and input from mental health specialists, social workers, advocates, and mentally ill people themselves. Those judges should also be accountable to the public and the communities they serve. There should also be a greater establishment of "alternative response units," trained social servants who are able to response to situations involving mentally ill people with proper knowledge and sufficient non-violent tools. And finally, there should be a reworking of the idea of policing in general. There needs to be a push to transform police from resembling standing armies in communities to non-violent civil servants who work in the communities where they live, and are recallable and accountable to the people that they serve.

These structural changes are necessary to prevent misconduct, but they are incomplete without a greater consciousness raising among the public about the harsh situation in which mentally ill individuals live. Society needs to start recognizing the mentally ill as a historically suspect class, which has endured systematic oppression, and unjustified trauma, abuse, and neglect. Before we can demand political changes in police departments and the courts, there must be a social change in dispelling the myths that mentally ill people are dangerous, criminal, unpredictable, or prone to violence.

Through these changes we can begin to address the needs of the mentally ill, restructure our institutions to accommodate them, change social perspectives, and correct the long history of abuse that the mentally ill have endured. In time, society will be able to treat mentally ill people as full and competent citizens who have the capability to add to and nurture communities.

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OlyNow! Congratulatory Street Celebration

Mechelle Peterson

OlyNow! Congratulatory Street Celebration happens September 21, 3-9pm located on 9th and Adams-the area surrounding Timberland Library in downtown Olympia.

OlyNow will strive to explore and integrate our collective visions for a sustainable community. OlyNow is created by your community – not a top down movement. OlyNow's inspiration comes from the conviction that change happens by focusing on what we do want to see, rather than demonstrating against negative things. Focusing on what is negative only gives it more power. At a recent potluck, an OlyNow organizer recalled seeing so many friends together at recent protests. It reminded her of a funeral; glad to see them yet oddly uncomfortable with the urge to celebrate due to the somber nature of the gathering.

We are currently getting the job done of creating an economically vibrant and responsible community. We believe that if we persist in our work, we can continue making our world, and little ol' Olympia, a more healthful and progressive place. Congratulatory statements interspersed throughout the day will make OlyNow unique. Come and pat the backs of all those unsung local heroes. Street theater involving the astrological significance of this very day will be performed. There will be vendors of delight, insightful workshops, delicious food, interactive information booths, live music, theater and dance at this celebratory street party.

So, let's celebrate!

Join us as we honor and celebrate our community successes. OlyNow will attach a face to an effort/organization thereby making one another's networking more effective and pleasurable. For instance, while filling water from the artesian well one could recognize Krag Unsoeld approaching and be eager to question him about SPEECH or reminisce about his mother and prior Congresswoman, Jolene Unsoeld. Granted Olympia's lack of anonymity has a downside, however I am grateful to have an interwoven town to call my own.

I imagine those present will care about our community and be people who want to make informed choices. OlyNow is a tool to bring together knowledge of sustainable choices and showcase ways to create a livable, prosperous community. For instance, a new restaurant on Black Lake Boulevard, the American Grill, will have a presence at OlyNow. This restaurant is dedicated to serving organic vegetables and meat from local farmers. Meet them at OlyNow and see their delightful menu for yourself.

Children's participation is crucial. Some say that children are our most valuable, natural resource. OlyNow will create a space that celebrates their path and shows children that they matter. The Peace Scouts will be leading in a scavenger hunt. A clothesline will gradually be filled with visionary drawings of what we want to maintain and create in our community. We need to create a world that's worth passing on to them. Furthermore, much of what we get in the media is targeting our fears and segregation. We can counteract the media bias by coming together in public spaces to take back our safety and security.

We have invited dozens of agencies and organizations to organize a creative, interactive display regarding their work. For example, as our polluted inlands were pondered we invited Thurston County Environmental Health. They want to partner more with community in spreading the word of toxic waste reductions and common sense gardening methods. There are a plethora of local organizations diligently working to approach the task of replenishing and preserving our environment.

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Workshops include:

Dr. Suska Davis presenting a workshop in creating and transforming our relationship with self and others with Non-violent Communication.

UCAN will present AIDS education.

NorthWest Earth Institute will showcase their reading/discussion group style.

Other possible workshops include health, art, creativity and sex.

Our community has a lot to share and strive for. Now is the time to do it in the road. Kathleen Byrd, inspired by the Portland City Repair Project, joined OlyNow with a fierce determination to share with others in transforming neighborhood intersections into artful places that encourage neighbors and strangers to come together. With some guidance from Portland's City Repair originator, Mark Lakeman, Kathleen is running with caution and speed to eventually bring this vision to Olympia. Now is the time for re-visioning and collaborating.

The Portland City Repair Project started eight years ago when a Portland neighborhood attained street permits to halt car traffic and hold a block party within an intersection. During the party, neighbors created a painted mosaic on the street and installed a fixed tea caddy. When the festivities were completed the City Repair Project was told to clean up the remaining art. An eighty-year old elder living at that corner wanted the Mayor of Portland to view the street's repair prior to succumbing to cleaning up.

The Mayor visited and was inspired, deeming this project a vital neighborhood renovation. He assisted in laying the groundwork for street parties to continue with neighbors coming together and creating artful installations. Hence, over 200 block parties have humanized intersections in Portland, Oregon.

The intersection of 9th and Adams is an ideal site with its nearby post office, library, and residential area. A Village Improvement Project (VIP) will be one of the many fantastic offerings hopefully by you and definitely for you. Come on down September 21, Autumn Equinox.

This event will enable you to connect with the resources you are looking for.

Bring your Sound Hours or Presidential-face dollars to spend at the Silent Auction, or with the food vendors or local artisans. This is a free event with no hidden costs but we hope you'll bring what you can to support it.

Sleeping bags, blankets and camping gear will be collected for our homeless neighbors. Used books and CDs can be donated to Climate Solutions through a group called EcoEncore, which sells recycled items and donates the proceeds to non-profits. Oh, and also bring play-toys including chalk, bubbles and laughter.

Your early participation would be appreciated. We are holding a community brunch where you can pay for breakfast or simply bring your own on September 7th from 10am to 1pm at Fertile Ground Guesthouse located behind Timberland Library on 9th Avenue (311 9th Ave SE). Here we will conspire and toy with all the possibilities of this upcoming OlyNow event.

The next two beautification/VIP meetings will occur at Fertile Ground on Wednesday, September 3rd and September 17th from 6:00-8:00pm.

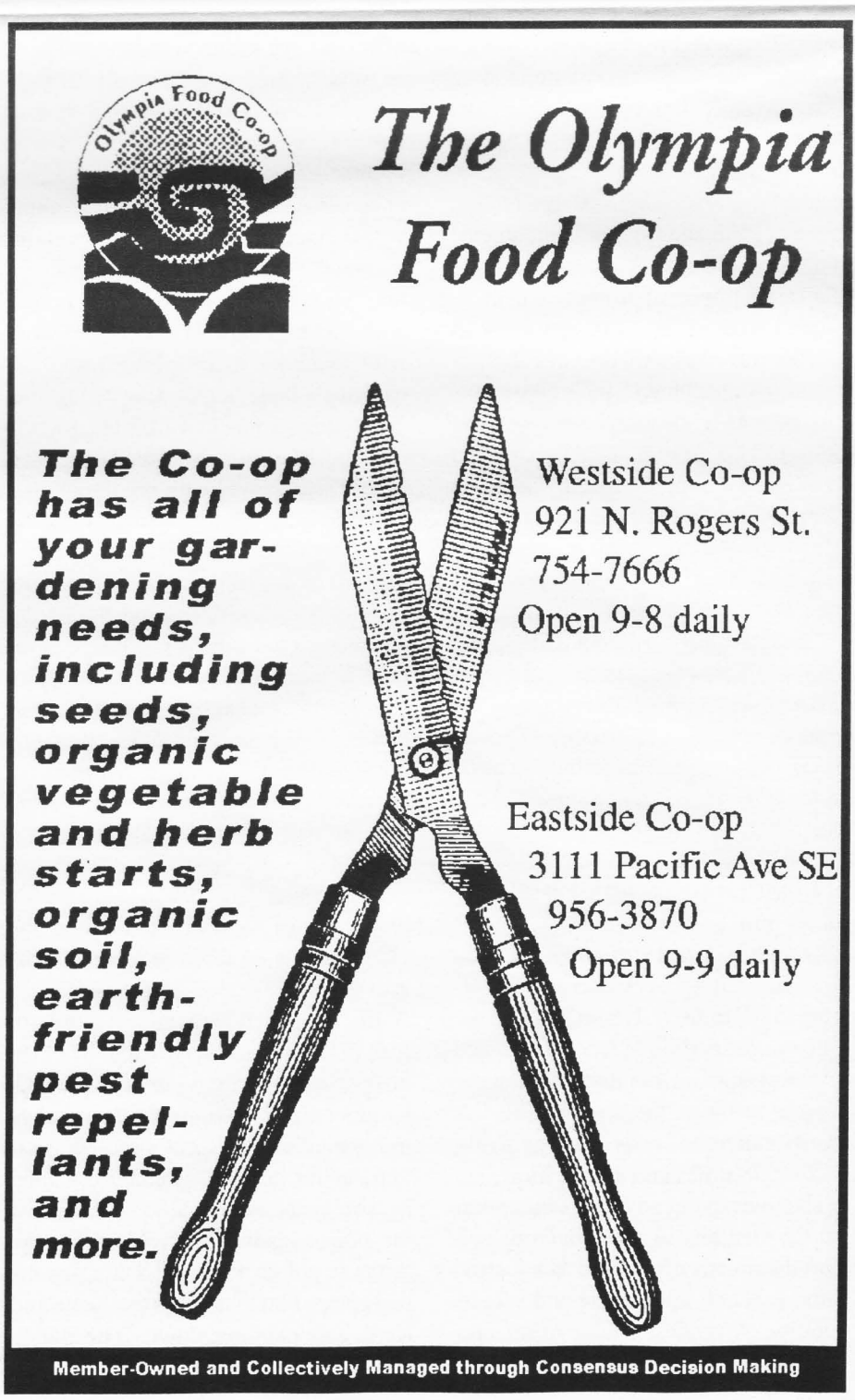
For more information or to get involved please call:

Gail Sullivan 352~2428 about booth space

Mechelle Peterson 753~4240 about workshops or

Marie Poland 456~3829 ext3 about music and volunteering

Website: www.fertileground.org/olynow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Guided By a Great Feeling of Love:

A Review of Neil Gordon's "The Company You Keep"

Ron Jacobs

One of Che Guevara's most oft-repeated quotes was "At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me say that the true revolutionary is guided by a great feeling of love." Author Neil Gordon's new novel, The Company You Keep, could easily have used this quote as its subtitle. The story of a fictional former member of the Weather Underground who has been living under an assumed name since the early 1970s after a failed bank robbery where a bank guard was murdered, Gordon's novel is a thriller of a tale. The primary protagonist-one Jason Sinai who assumed the identity of a dead man named James Grant after going underground-finds himself involved with old friends from his Weather Underground days almost by chance after his true identity is accidentally discovered by a young and somewhat obnoxious news reporter in Albany, NY.

This discovery leaves Sinai nee Grant with two choices-turn himself in and lose his daughter to his ex-wife-a drug-addled rich former movie actress with a powerful political father who has done little to take care of their daughter due to her drug problems—; or go on the run without his daughter in order to find his fellow weathermembers and clear his name. He chooses the latter and leaves his daughter in a hotel room in Manhattan with instructions for his lawyer sister-in-law to get custody. As the story unfolds, the reader is treated to a political discussion of the Sixties and a heart-wrenching story with as many intellectual and emotional twists and turns as the New Left in its late '60s early '70s heyday.

Gordon tells his story via a series of emails from Sinai and his friends (including former weathermembers, dope growers, his current (Republican) lover, a former FBI agent, and the Albany reporter, among others) to his daughter living in London in 2006. The purpose of the emails is to convince her to testify at the parole hearing of a fellow weathermember who is in prison for her role in the robbery that Sinai was a part of. Although the emails are extraordinarily long for emails, the stories they convey make their length quite plausible. Indeed, who but an aging radical used to writing wordy and sometimes confusing revolutionary tracts a la the early Weatherman statements would write emails in the same vein?

While the reader races from page to page caught up in the telling of the story, s/he becomes familiar with the history of Weather, the New Left, COINTELPRO, and Gordon's perspective on the legacy of this particular trend in the Movement. That perspective goes something like this — it was the movement against racism and imperial war that was the true democratic movement of the period, not the New Right that was quietly organizing itself at the time and now controls our political landscape. There is an argument made by the Albany reporter to this effect in a conversation he has with a young woman who could easily be Anne Coulter's understudy (and for whom he has lustful thoughts).

In spring of 1998 I spoke with Neil over lunch and a few beers about the Weather Underground, the New Left and other aspects of the period we call the Sixties. At the time he was just beginning to gather ideas and information for this novel. After my conversation and a number of intermittent emails, he contacted several former members of the Weather Underground and began a series of conversations with them. It was from these and other conversations that he developed the basis for his story. One thing he said to me back in 1998 struck me as being incredibly astute: (I paraphrase here) How, he wondered, could the members of Weather have been so correct in their analysis and so wrong in what do about it? Unfortunately, that question could easily serve as an epitaph for many of the New Left's more revolutionary groups and members.

Back to the love. If there's one thing that comes across in Gordon's story and its various twists and turns, it is that love is the most important thing. The final emails reveal an incredible web of relationships that would are woven together so cleverly that even the most jaundiced reader can only marvel at the author's storytelling ability. All of these relationships are built not on blood, not on marriage, but on love. It may not be all you need, as the Beatles would have us believe, but, like Bob Dylan said: "No matter what you think about it/You just won't be able to do without it."

Ron Jacobs is author of The Way the Wind Blew: a history of the Weather Underground.

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members in support of this resolution. Write to the Olympian at: Letters to the Editor, The Olympian, PO Box 1219, Olympia, WA 98507 or online at www.theolympian.com or at news@theolympian.com

Coalition members are also setting sights on getting resolutions passed in Thurston County, Lacey and Tumwater. If you'd like to get involved in the effort, please send an email to ThurstonResCoalition@yahoogroups.com or call Bruce at 456-7180.

Coral Spickler contributed to this article.

(Announcements, etc. continued)

New Street Paper

Bread and Roses will soon be publishing a street paper for Olympia.°We plan to have the first issue printed, and into the streets, sometime in October. The paper will serve as both an outlet for self-expression and a forum for the exchange of ideas and opinions within the Olympia area homeless and low-income community. ANYONE who is interested in helping out, and anyone from the Oly homeless and low-income community who is interested in contributing stories, poems, pictures, opinions, etc., please email Meta Hogan at editor@bandroly.com or stop by the Bread and Roses Advocacy Center at 121 State Ave (across from OlyBikes). There will be a general interest meeting at the Advocacy Center on Friday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Film: "Strong Roots"

Friday, September 5 at 7pm
Traditions Fair Trade Café (5th and Water St. downtown Olympia)

You are invited to see "Strong Roots" a film depicting the lives of Brazilian peasants in search of land, dignity in their lives, and justice in their society throughout the Landless Workers' Movement (MST). The Landless Workers Movement have been very much involved in international solidarity with Palestinian peasants and many other movements. I hope you join me for this special event. I'm working to have a special presentation of Brazilian rhythms this day.

Discussion followed by Lucilene Lira Whitesell who will provide:

- an updated analysis of the struggle for land in relationship to Lula's government and the Workers' Party;
- Peasants organizing against the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial meeting in the Cancún in September and the Free Trade Areas of the Americas (FTAA) in November in defense of agriculture, food sovereignty and to keep seeds in the hands of peasants.

Sliding scale donation $0-10. Benefits to help establish the Friends of the MST in our region.

The Coalition of Low-Income Power presents:

The Rich Can Take Care of Themselves

Olympia City Council Candidates Forum

Saturday, September 6th

3pm at the Olympia Center (222 N. Columbia St)

prepared statements + follow-up questions

+ audience questions

Olympia's disappearing middle class: Since 1990, the local poverty level has remained fairly constant and represents about 5,000 households. In 1990, the top 3,000 households earned more than the bottom 60% (9,000 households) leaving about a 3,000 household middle-class. In 2000, the top 3,600 households earned more than the bottom 80% (the rest of Olympia!) all but eliminating a middle-class. (*source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000*)

"I would make it impossible for the covetous and avaricious to utterly impoverish the poor. The rich can take care of themselves." inscription on statue of Washington's first Governor John Rogers in Sylvester Park, downtown Olympia.

Find out what the candidates' positions are on issues that affect low-income people. Find out WHO they plan to TAKE CARE of in their administration. Call 789-2373 for more information.

(Updates on Cascadian Eco-Resistance!, continued from page 1)

Starfire Lumber (Engel Investors) of Cottage Grove along with the U$ Forest $ervice destroyed units 1 and 2 of the Straw Devil timber sale. They knew what this forest meant (especially these two units) and they knew that they wouldn't get it without a fight, so they resorted to sending in an infiltrator and orchestrating a "hard and fast" operation- building a road, marking unit boundaries, and felling trees - effectively clearcutting the units in less than two days. More than ten loggers and handfuls of law enforcement were sent in at once to do the job as quickly as possible. One of our comrades was arrested while passionately confronting this destruction and charged with a Class A Misdemeanor, "Interfering with an agricultural operation," and will be arraigned on September 5, 2003.

Their purpose was to draw attention to Bush's obscene plans for environmental degradation. Bush wants to eliminate the "Survey and Manage" list of Cascadia's threatened species – those same critters we were just talking about above – thereby expediting the exchange of big green trees for little green bills. Eliminating Survey and Manage will all but destroy the already insufficient Northwest Forest Plan, and make even those areas already protected within our national forests potentially accessible to timber companies.

Equally horrific is Bush's Healthy Forests Initiative, a proposed law based on the understanding that the best way to prevent forest fires is to prevent forests. It has already passed the House and is currently making its way through Senate.

Logging at Straw Devil. (Photograph by Cascadia Wildlands Project)

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Still, even amidst this tragedy, amazing work has continued at Straw Devil. An all womyns action has been maintained for the last four months in an attempt to shed light on the fundamental link between womyns oppression and the oppression of the earth. Unit 6 of Straw Devil is equipped with several all womyn built and occupied situations. Various other working camps and crews have also established themselves in what is left of this magic place.

Bridging Urban and Forest Activism Together

Wishing to expose the issues of the forest in a broader context and to a larger audience, the Cascadia Forest Alliance in Portland took to the trees within city limits. By the end of the day five people were in jail (two of them got out without giving their names!)

Police have trouble with a protester's harness at the treesit Cascadia Forest Alliance (CFA) setup in Portland before Bush's visit

On the Bigger Front

Holistic activists are disgusted at the bad reputation that the direct action forest community has earned for tolerating "manarchists", heterosexism, and perpetrators of sexual violence within the campaigns. This year saw forest activists adopting a region wide anti-oppression code, creating a dispute resolution body for addressing a wide variety of community issues, and booting several known perpetrators from forest activist campaigns. A womyn's as well as a womyn and transgender "action camp" were held to address the lack of inclusivity often felt by womyn, queer, and transgender activists within forest defense and to share advanced direct action skills, so as to take power from those who have classically used "skill hoarding" as a means of control. These are first steps within forest defense at confronting sexual violence, male domination, and the same multifaceted forms of oppression that attempt to dominate and control us as well as the earth.

In addition to expanding ties to the anti-patriarchy movement, this summer has seen some new and interesting alliances with Cascadia's pagan community through a number of events, including the recent Wild Spirit gathering in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Early in the summer Olympia had its annual Industrial Workers of the World / Earth First! BBQ. More networking projects are in the works for the future.

A slice of this now deceased 425-year-old Doug-fir was taken from a clearcut on public lands in Southwestern Oregon this year. It has been used at events to illustrate the fact that old-growth logging continues.(Photograph by anonymous.)

Join Us

We're always looking for more folks, whether they're interested in direct action, species surveys, in-town organizing, or any other participation. Check out www.cascadiasummer.org, the best source for up-to-date information on forest activism throughout the region as well as contact numbers and upcoming events. Washington is currently in the beginning stages of preparing for the necessity of direct action – get connected with groups like the Environmental Resource Center at The Evergreen State College (867-6784) for information on local organizing efforts!

"Fostering Alternatives to Violence"

The Annual Conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA)

October 9-12, 2003

The Evergreen State College

Olympia, WA.

The Conference will focus on the work of peace educators, researchers, and activists who foster alternatives to violence in our homes, schools, communities and in the national and international arenas. speakers and artists include: Naomi Klein, Paul Loeb, Pramila Jayapal, Peter McLaren, Sam Hammil, Shailja Patel and Prince Myshkin.

For more information, visit us at

www.peacejusticestudies.org.

George W. Bush's Resume

I recently had an email exchange with a right-winger from my local newspaper, and of course the war with Iraq came up pretty quick. But he said something in defense of George Bush that really surprised me. In defense of the attack on Iraq he said 'between Hussein and Bush, Hussein is the bad guy'.

My first response was ... So your guy is better than a third world dictator, Wow! what an accomplishment! Does he put that on his resume?

And with that in mind, I started wondering ... what would a George W. Bush resume look like exactly? Listed below is what I came up with.

-Kelley Kramer - 04/25/03

Past work experience:

* Ran for congress and lost.
* Produced a Hollywood slasher B movie.
* Bought an oil company, but couldn't find any oil in Texas, company went bankrupt shortly after I sold all my stock.
* Bought the Texas Rangers baseball team in a sweetheart deal that took land using tax-payer money. Biggest move: Traded Sammy Sosa to the Chicago White Sox.
* With fathers help (and his name) was elected Governor of Texas.
* Accomplishments: Changed pollution laws for power and oil companies and made Texas the most polluted state in the Union. Replaced Los Angeles with Houston as the most smog ridden city in America. Cut taxes and bankrupted the Texas government to the tune of billions in borrowed money. Set record for most executions by any Governor in American history.
* Became president after losing the popular vote by over 500,000 votes, with the help of my fathers appointments to the Supreme Court.

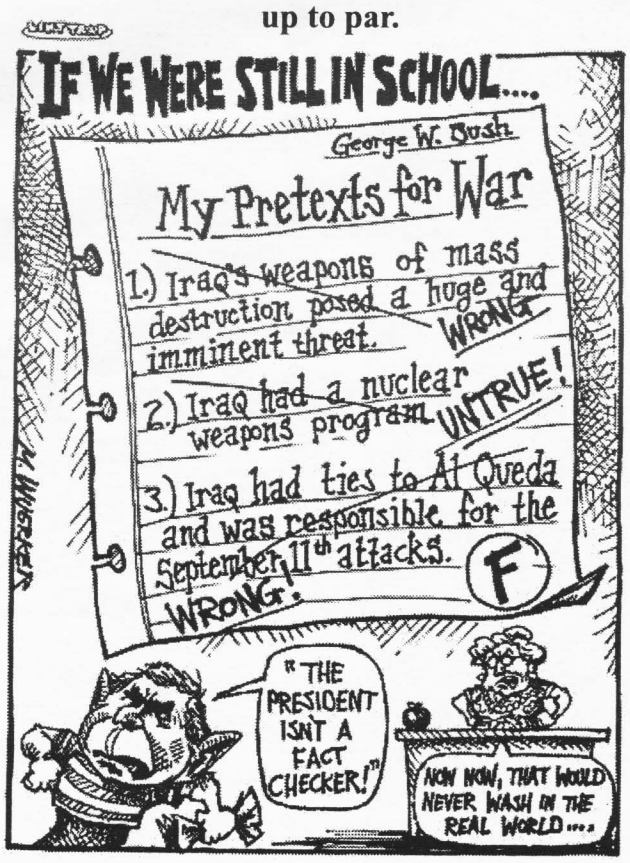
Accomplishments as president:

* Attacked and took over two countries.
* Spent the surplus and bankrupted the treasury.
* Shattered record for biggest annual deficit in history.
* Set economic record for most private bankruptcies filed in any 12 month period.
* Set all-time record for biggest drop in the history of the stock market.
* First president in decades to execute a federal prisoner.
* First president in US history to enter office with a criminal record.
* First year in office set the all-time record for most days on vacation by any president in US history.
* After taking the entire month of August off for vacation, presided over the worst security failure in US history.
* Set the record for most campaign fund-raising trips than any other president in US history.
* In my first two years in office over 2 million Americans lost their job.
* Cut unemployment benefits for more out of work Americans than any president in US history.
* Set the all-time record for most foreclosures in a 12 month period.
* Appointed more convicted criminals to administration positions than any president in US history.
* Set the record for the least amount of press conferences than any president since the advent of television.
* Signed more laws and executive orders amending the Constitution than any president in US history.
* Presided over the biggest energy crises in US history and refused to intervene when corruption was revealed.
* Presided over the highest gasoline prices in US history and refused to use the national reserves as past presidents have.
* Cut healthcare benefits for war veterans.
* Set the all-time record for most people worldwide to simultaneously take to the streets to protest me (15 million people), shattering the record for protest against any person in the history of mankind. (http://www.hyperreal.org/~dana/marches/)
* Dissolved more international treaties than any president in US history.
* My presidency is the most secretive and un-accountable of any in US history.
* Members of my cabinet are the richest of any administration in US history. (the 'poorest' multi-millionaire, Condoleeza Rice has an Chevron oil tanker named after her).
* First president in US history to have all 50 states of the Union simultaneously go bankrupt.
* Presided over the biggest corporate stock market fraud of any market in any country in the history of the world.
* First president in US history to order a US attack and military occupation of a sovereign nation.
* Created the largest government department bureaucracy in the history of the United States.
* Set the all-time record for biggest annual budget spending increases, more than any president in US history.
* First president in US history to have the United Nations remove the US from the human rights commission.
* First president in US history to have the United Nations remove the US from the elections monitoring board.
* Removed more checks and balances, and have the least amount of congressional oversight than any presidential administration in US history.
* Rendered the entire United Nations irrelevant.
* Withdrew from the World Court of Law.
* Refused to allow inspectors access to US prisoners of war and by default no longer abide by the Geneva Conventions.
* First president in US history to refuse United Nations election inspectors (during the 2002 US elections).
* All-time US (and world) record holder for most corporate campaign donations.
* My biggest life-time campaign contributor presided over one of the largest corporate bankruptcy frauds in world history (Kenneth Lay, former CEO of Enron Corporation).
* Spent more money on polls and focus groups than any president in US history.
* First president in US history to unilaterally attack a sovereign nation against the will of the United Nations and the world community.
* First president to run and hide when the US came under attack (and then lied saying the enemy had the code to Air Force 1)
* First US president to establish a secret shadow government.
* Took the biggest world sympathy for the US after 911, and in less than a year made the US the most resented country in the world (possibly the biggest diplomatic failure in US and world history).
* With a policy of 'dis-engagement' created the most hostile Israeli-Palestine relations in at least 30 years.
* First US president in history to have a majority of the people of Europe (71%) view my presidency as the biggest threat to world peace and stability.
* First US president in history to have the people of South Korea more threatened by the US than their immediate neighbor, North Korea.
* Changed US policy to allow convicted criminals to be awarded government contracts.
* Set all-time record for number of administration appointees who violated US law by not selling huge investments in corporations bidding for government contracts.
* Failed to fulfill my pledge to get Osama Bin Laden 'dead or alive'.
* Failed to capture the anthrax killer who tried to murder the leaders of our country at the United States Capitol building. After 18 months I have no leads and zero suspects.
* In the 18 months following the 911 attacks I have successfully prevented any public investigation into the biggest security failure in the history of the United States.
* Removed more freedoms and civil liberties for Americans than any other president in US history.
* In a little over two years created the most divided country in decades, possibly the most divided the US has ever been since the civil war.
* Entered office with the strongest economy in US history and in less than two years turned every single economic category heading straight down.

Records and References:

* At least one conviction for drunk driving in Maine (Texas driving record has been erased and is not available).
* AWOL from National Guard and Deserted the military during a time of war.
* Refused to take drug test or even answer any questions about drug use.
* All records of my tenure as governor of Texas have been spirited away to my fathers library, sealed in secrecy and unavailable for public view.
* All records of any SEC investigations into my insider trading or bankrupt companies are sealed in secrecy and unavailable for public view.
* All minutes of meetings for any public corporation I served on the board are sealed in secrecy and un-available for public view.
* Any records or minutes from meetings I (or my VP) attended regarding public energy policy are sealed in secrecy and un-available for public review.
* For personal references please speak to my daddy or uncle James Baker (They can be reached at their offices of the Carlyle Group for war-profiteering.)

Although this resume shows a great deal of achievement, some would suggest that Mr. Bush's academic achievements are not up to par.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George W. Bush
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1.) Iraq's weapons of mass destruction posed a huge and imminent threat.
WRONG
2.) Iraq had a nuclear weapons program.
UNTRUE!
3.) Iraq had ties to Al Queda and was responsible for the September 11th attacks.
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(Photo by Inde.)

A photo of participants in the Womyn's Action at Straw Devil.

"Any attempts to log this forest will be akin to a declaration of war and is an audacious attempt to desecrate the sacredness of this forest."

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